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AIR MINISTRY WILL BUILD HK'S NEW AIRPORT

Official From London Now In The Colony REES-WILLIAMS' REVELATION

A representative of the Air Ministry is now in Hong Kong discussing the construction of a new aerodrome with the Director of Public Works, and when agreement has been reached the work will be carried out by the Air Ministry.

This statement was made by Mr. D. Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, at a Press conference yesterday.

He said that from what he understood, building of such an aerodrome would take about two years to complete. A survey team from the Air Ministry would come out to get started on the job as soon as agreement is reached between the Secretary of State and the Hong Kong Government.

Mr. Rees-Williams said that after seeing the Kai Tak airport for himself, and that as to the need for a new airport was obvious. He was impressed by the vast volume of traffic handled, the great skill of the pilots, and the splendid manner in which the ground staff did their job, all of which reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.



Mr. Rees-Williams, snapped by the "China Mail" photographer at yesterday's press conference.

"Golden Star" In Accident

Ten passengers on the Star Ferry "Golden Star" were injured, four of them apparently seriously, as a result of the ferry crashing into the Praya last evening.

The accident, which occurred at 8.45 p.m., apparently was caused by the engines failing to reverse as the ferry was approaching the Hong Kong pier.

So violent was the impact that the ferry recoiled to the end of the pier and then turned right round and drifted 75 yards past Queen's Pier.

By this time a large crowd gathered on the Praya were watching breathlessly as it appeared that the ferry would collide with launches and a steamer.

Half a dozen small craft went to the ferry's aid but failed to budge her. Finally the ferry "Night Star", also coming from Kowloon, towed her into the pier. More than 300 passengers were on board at the time of the accident. All the injured were Chinese.

Quick action by the Ferry Inspector on duty resulted in ambulances being at the pier before the crippled boat was towed in.

Many of the injured were hurled against bulkheads, the ship's side or to the deck. The known injured were Mrs. Kwok Man-ching, aged 38, Mrs. Lu Yan-chow, Chow Hing and Kwan Hong.

At 6.00 GMT (1 p.m. HEST), a depression is moving ENE across the S. of Japan. From it a weak trough extends SW to the Lower Sanchang and there W. This trough is over the China coast. Pressure is low over the S. part of the China Sea and high over China.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh NW winds. High 72.5, low 61.5.

HK Reform

In reply to enquiries Mr. Rees-Williams said he did not know what the estimated cost of the new airport would be, nor in what proportion the cost would be borne by the Hong Kong Government and the Home Government.

Asked if the new airport would be capable of handling the largest types of aircraft, including jet planes, he replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Rees-Williams opened the conference by paying a tribute to what the people of Hong Kong, both the Government and the citizens of the Colony, have done to make it what it is today.

It reflected the greatest credit on all concerned, he said.

When Raffles founded Singapore he had a dream of making it a great emporium of trade, and how well his dream has come true everyone knows.

In the same way the builders of Hong Kong have made this Colony for the Far East a counterpart of what Singapore is for South East Asia.

"We must make Hong Kong the show window of democracy, a model territory, for people to come and see how we do things. We want to show people elsewhere that we can always do it better than they," said Mr. Rees-Williams.

The next point touched upon by the Under-Secretary of State was the Colony's trade, which, he said, had expanded out of all proportion.

The trade figure for last month was HK\$492,000,000, as compared with HK\$424,000,000 for August.

The figure for September last year was only HK\$278,000,000, an increase of HK\$214,000,000 in one year.

After quoting pre-war trade figures by way of comparison, Mr. Rees-Williams said the progress Hong Kong had made was most gratifying.

"Trade is very important for Hong Kong, and, of course, we can't do without it," said Mr. Rees-Williams.

Research Vessel

The Under-Secretary of State also had a good word for Hong Kong's Fishery Department. He had been told that the value of the fresh fish passed through the market was HK\$10,000,000, and that of salt fish HK\$13,000,000.

He expressed the hope that the co-operative scheme adopted here would develop. Personally, he said, he did not know much about fish in these waters.

As chairman of the Colonial Research Council he hoped to send out to Hong Kong a research vessel which is now in the Indian Ocean and has shown some surprisingly good results.

The Hong Kong Police Force was also commended by Mr. Rees-Williams who said he was at the parade and saw the very smart turn-out.

On education Mr. Rees-Williams merely commented on the Hong Kong University which, he said, he was glad to see resuscitated.

"Tomorrow I hope to make a tour of the New Territories to try and get an insight into farming conditions and see what credit facilities could be given to farmers," said the Under-Secretary.

A barrage of questions was then fired by the Pressmen at Mr. Rees-Williams.

"What has happened to the report which the Hong Kong Government sent home some time ago on constitutional reform for the Colony?" one questioner asked, to which Mr. Rees-Williams replied that it was still under consideration by the Secretary of State.

"There have been widespread complaints on the quality of the present rice rationed out to the public. The complaint is that it contained some 30 per cent more broken grains than it should contain. The Chinese Reform Association has taken up the matter vigorously, and a commission of enquiry has been demanded. Have you heard of this, and are you going to do anything about it?"

"Yes, I've heard about it, and the matter is being looked into," replied Mr. Rees-Williams.

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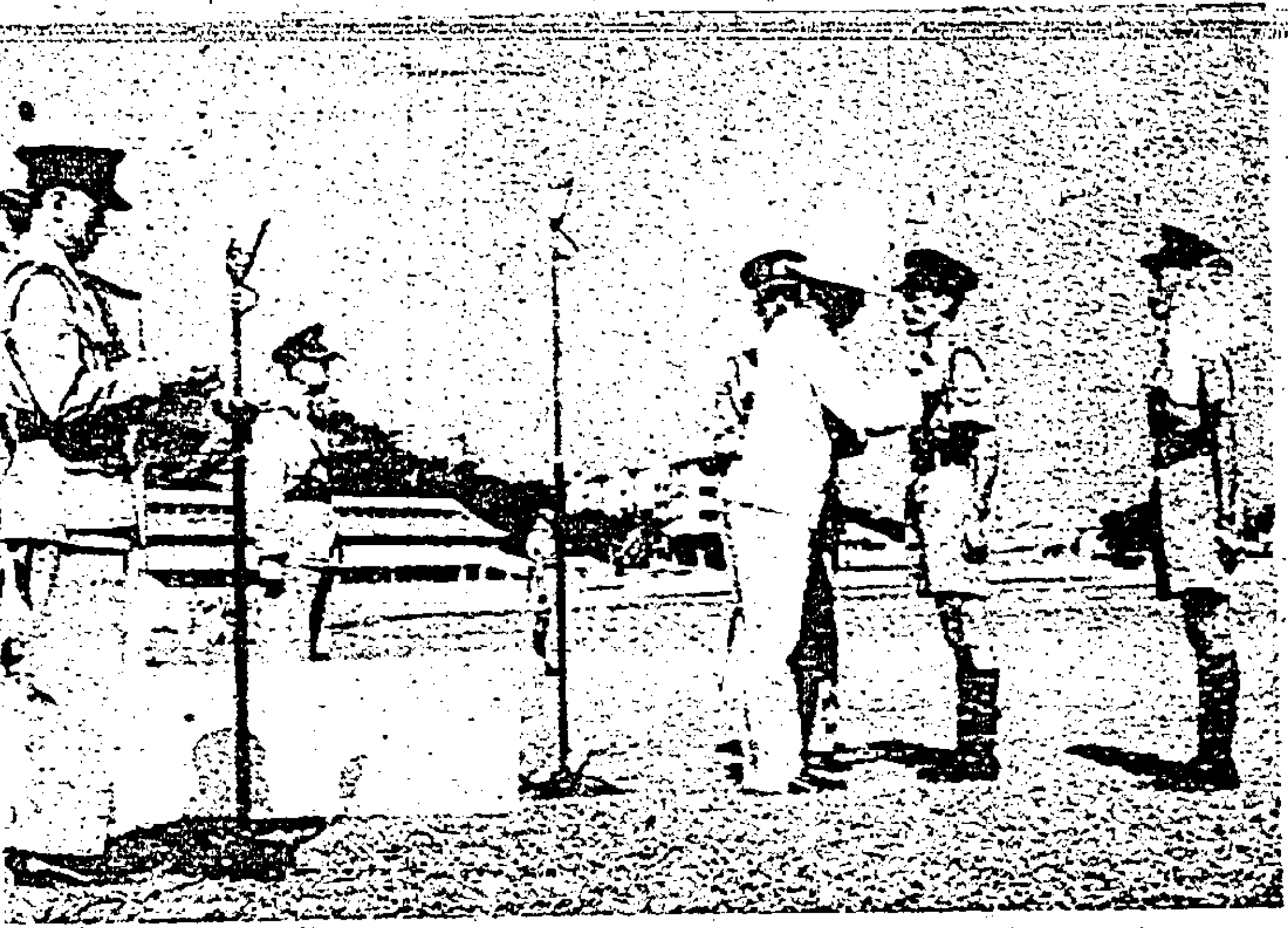
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Medal For Hero



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, pinning the King's Police Medal on Police Corporal Li Fo during the Annual Police Review at the Happy Valley Race Course yesterday morning. Story on Page 3. ("China Mail" Photos.)

COMMUNISTS CEASING ATTACKS ON BRITAIN

Britain has been dropped as the "running dog" of the American "imperialists" in Chinese Red propaganda.

For months British and Americans have been classified as one in the attacks on "imperialists". Not now. The United States alone bears the stigma.

This was told to the United Press yesterday by an informant who arrived in Hong Kong from Canton.

The informant added that the British no longer feel the lash of the Red attacks, which the only papers now publishing in Canton feature daily.

Flying the five-starred flag, Canton is taking on a "new look" under the new regime austere—and it is all being recorded for Soviet posterity by Soviet cameramen, the informant said.

Canton as a whole has returned to peace and order on the surface, but is far from normalcy underneath.

It is something difficult for a foreigner to discern but easy for a Cantonese to see on the faces and in the actions of his own people.

Expressed privately but not publicly the Cantonese are indignant with both the Nationalists and the Communists. The Nationalist destruction of the Pearl River Bridge with the hundreds of casualties—including all the passengers on two loaded buses which were plunged into the river by the blast—plus the overnight abandonment of the city, lie at the bottom of the resentment against the Kuomintang.

The Communist round-up and execution of an unrelenting number of Cantonese Red supporters who did not want to give up their arms, and also because they could not present party membership cards, is the basis of distrust of the Communists. But putting on

a public face the Cantonese is following the Red precepts. The Cantonese are also grumbling at curfewment of their (un) Cabarets, taxi-dance halls, fancy restaurants and ballrooms are open but empty. The Reds let it be known that they frown on the former revelry so dear to the hearts of Cantonese. The dining rooms, tea-shops and restaurants which previously buzzed noisily throughout the day and night with the animated chatter of Chinese gourmets, are now silent. The vendors supply only the simplest foods.

The informant said all signs of imported luxury for male and peddlers are now thinly travelled lanes. The people are afraid to circulate too freely.

The Red troops had hardly rolled in when a group of Russian field photographers arrived and began shooting scenes of all districts. Unhindered by the Reds who at other times look askance at cameras in the hands of foreigners, the Russians were making full documentary record of conditions in Canton. United Press.

PAI'S FAMILY IN HK

General Pai Chung-hsi's wife with 35 members of the General's and his sister's families arrived here on a specially chartered CNAC C-46 aircraft from Kweilin yesterday.

Mostly women and children, the arrivals were members of the Pai family and the Ma family. The latter is the family of the General's elder sister.

Together with the family were some grandchildren of the General's. His youngest brother was also one of the arrivals.

Dressed in heavy winter clothes, the General's family brought much luggage with them.

According to one of the arrivals, the party will remain in the Colony for a short while. Their destination is Macao. All passengers said that the situation in Kweilin was normal and quiet. None of them would give the reason for their departure from the capital of Kwangsi Province which is now threatened by the Chinese Communists.

NATIONALIST SHIPS GO OVER TO REDS

Five Nationalist gunboats in the estuaries of the Pearl and West rivers have defected to the Chinese Communists, according to pro-Communist vernacular press message yesterday. The craft are two small warships, Wu Feng and Chien Ping, and three other unidentified escort vessels. They have left their blockade posts for Communist-held Canton and Kowloon.

Military defections in a number of counties between the West River and the South China coast were reported in certain sections of the Nationalist press.

Brisk engagements between Communist General Chen Keng's 38th Army, driving towards Luichow Peninsula, and Nationalist General Liu An-shih's troops were fought throughout Friday night and yesterday.

Fighting was reported to be confined to about 50 miles North East of Kwanhsuei, former French leased territory about 250 miles South West of Hong Kong.

About 100 miles North of this battlefield other columns of General Chen, driving Westwards along the West River, have branched off Southwards near Wuchow, Kwangsi border town.

Indications are that these columns plan to move South Westwards to Lienkung, 40 miles North West of Kwanhsuei, to cut off any withdrawals North or West by the Nationalists.

No major military developments on either the Nationalist or the Communist sides were reported yesterday. The Nationalist press said that an important military conference has been convened at Chungking.

Canton Bombed

Vice-President General Li Tsung-shan, Premier and concurrently Defence Minister, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, General Hui Chung-hsi and General Hu Tsung-nam are taking part in the discussions.

The Nationalist press claimed air attacks on Shanghai, Canton and Kowloon and further bombing of Communist remnants on Kienmen Island opposite Amoy.

The Communist "New China News Agency" said that the North China People's Government will be dissolved tomorrow. The areas it governs will come directly under the People's Central Government.

According to Associated Press the conference in Chungking is aimed at making South West China an inviolable fortress and converting it into a direct unit of the People's Central Government.

The leading man—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek—has yet to arrive but is expected sometime this week.

As preliminary consultations were held, the Nationalists conceded the loss of Tungan in Hunan, just across the border from Kwangsi.

LABOUR UNIONS' DEMANDS

A settlement is expected to be reached tomorrow afternoon on the demand of Hong Kong labour unions for a revision of the rehabilitation allowance because of the present increased cost of living.

The demand was presented early this week by 19 labour unions to the Department of Labour. What increase was asked for was not revealed, but it was learned from labour circles that the demand was for a 15 per cent rise on the existing allowance of \$90 a month.

Throughout the week the Government Labour Officer has been in negotiation with representatives of the labour unions, and it is believed that a compromise has been tentatively reached.

An official announcement of the settlement is expected to be made tomorrow after the meeting between the Labour Officer and representatives of the 19 labour unions.

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Laughing Hyena Horror

New Delhi, October 29.

Press reports revealed today that a pack of voracious laughing hyenas has eaten 97 children in villages near Lucknow during the past few months, even invading homes to snatch babies from the arms of sleeping mothers.

The terrified populace of the villages are building seven-foot high barricades around their homes and sleeping with doors and windows locked, and children have been forbidden to play more than a few yards from houses.

Two adults were killed by the pack which seems to concentrate mainly on children under four. In almost all cases only a few scattered bones are found for the powerfully-jawed hyenas usually eat everything but the skull.

Hunters, using elephants and jeeps, are on the trail of the pack but have not yet succeeded in killing the leaders.

In other areas of the United Provinces, two other man-eaters are terrifying the neighbourhood. Tigers are said to have killed 400 people and leopards are blamed for 200 deaths.—United Press.

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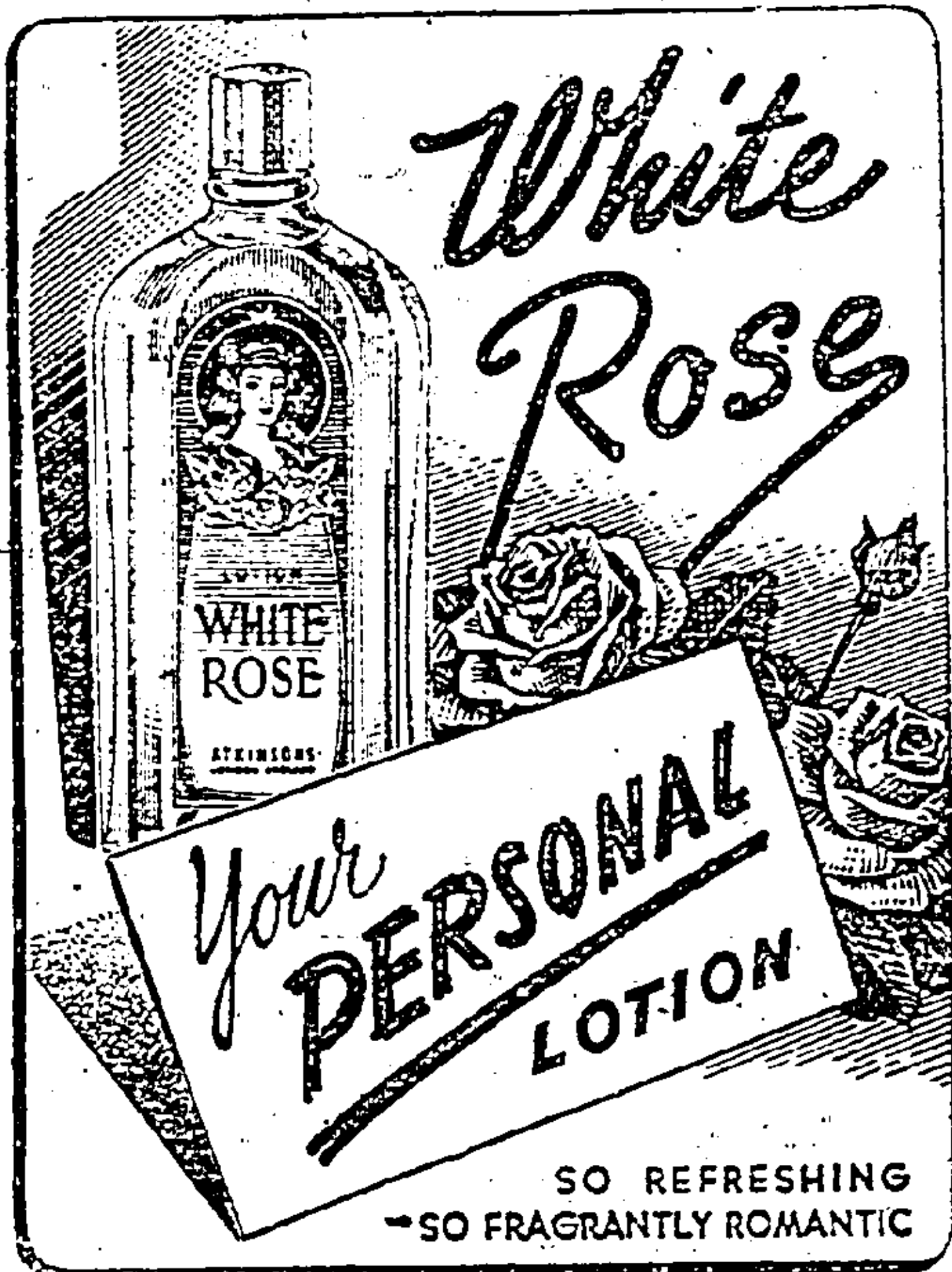


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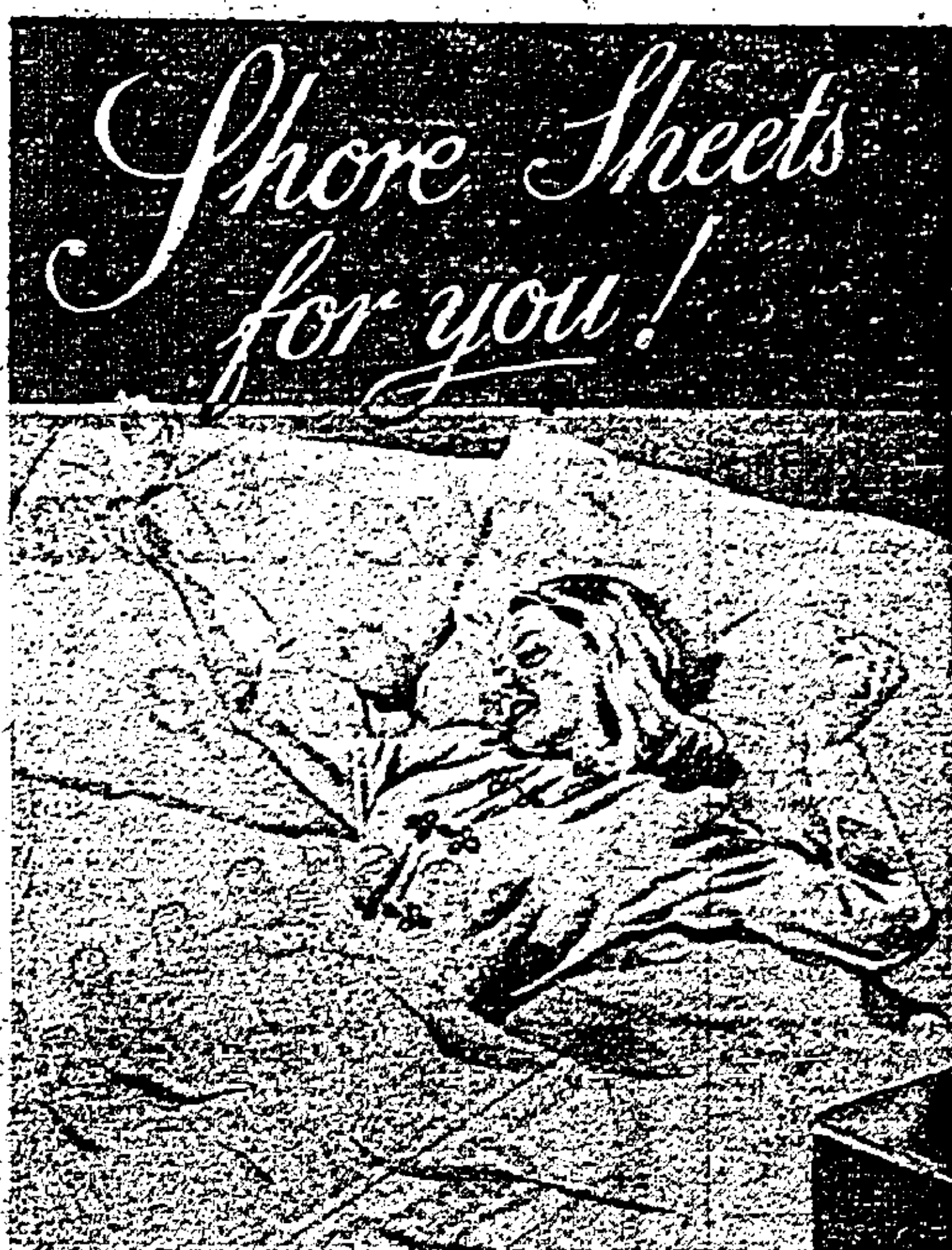
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Export Licence Offence Case

For attempting to export goods without a valid licence on October 28, a business man, Tsai Kwok-hung, aged 33, was given the option of a fine of \$1,000 or six months' hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday. The goods, valued at \$14,000, were ordered to be confiscated.

Revenue Inspector Millington said that at 11.30 a.m. on October 23, an export control party went on board the ss. Laura Maersk and saw cargo destined for Manila, a hard currency area.

On a lighter were 51 cases of assorted merchandise. The goods were covered by the Export Licence, Form B2 (Yellow) for goods manufactured in Hong Kong.

A case of the goods was examined and it was found to contain Swedish-made hurricane lamps. A further search was made and 25 other cases were found to contain hurricane lamps. The cases were stamped "Made in Hong Kong."

Continuing, Inspector Millington said: "Sweden is a hard currency area. Goods of Swedish origin are extremely difficult to get due to the shortage of foreign exchange. Import licences for goods of Swedish origin are very reluctantly granted and only in cases where the goods are urgently needed are they granted."

"An export licence for goods of Swedish origin (or any other hard currency area) to another hard currency area (like Manila) would only be granted if the exporter is prepared to surrender in full all foreign exchange proceeds to the Hong Kong Government in which case a separate export licence form has been devised, namely the green form, where special conditions are prescribed."

Great Leakage

"Manila has been a great leakage under the present system of Exchange Control."

"We have had many complaints from our brother nations, notably Australia and the United Kingdom, to the effect that goods which were intended for use in the Sterling Area have found their way through mischievous means by disreputable mercantile practices in Hong Kong to places like Manila."

"Such a practice, if tolerated, would amount to robbery of the wealth of the Sterling Countries."

"A valid export licence for goods of origin other than China and Macao should be on a green form. A yellow licence form (23), is included for goods of Chinese or local origin which is one of the most important and essential conditions for the issue of an export licence, honestly the actual origin of the goods."

Trust Placed in Exporters
"A yellow form when used in a case where a green form is required, is invalid, as by so doing it is a breach of one of the most important and essential conditions under the Export Control Order of December 22, 1947."

"The Department trusts local exporters to make a true declaration in the licence, and the contents of cargo are seldom checked due to the shortage of staff."

Defendant said that he was acting on behalf of the manager of the On Ward Company and arrived in the Colony from Canton. Defendant admitted that it was negligence on his part and said that the manager is at present in Macao.



Britain's representative in Occupied Japan, Sir Alvy Gascoigne, who arrived in Hong Kong by BOAC from Japan yesterday on the way to Singapore, where he is to attend the South East Asia Conference. Sir Alvy is expected to leave tomorrow with the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who is also attending the conference of British representatives. ("China Mail" photo).

CIGS VISITS LYEMUN

Field Marshal Sir William Slim, GCB, KCB, DSO, MC, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, visited Lyemun Barracks yesterday. He was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, GOC-in-C, Hong Kong.

On arrival CIGS, was met by Brig. C.R. Hardy, Commander 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines and was introduced to the Commanding Officers of 40, 42, and 44 Commandos.

CIGS and party then visited 112/137 (Java) B.A.A. Bty. R.A. meeting Brig. D.W. Neilson C.R. R.A., C.O. 27 H.A.A. Bty. R.A. and Brig. Commander 112/137 (Java) Bty.

Later in the day Field Marshal Slim crossed the harbour and inspected units of 38 Med Regt. R.A. 33 General Hospital, 1st Field Sqn. R.E. and R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. Depots.

In the afternoon, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff held conferences with Service Commanders at Land Forces Headquarters. Later attending the Governor's garden party at Government House.

He leaves for Singapore today accompanied by Lt. Gen. Sir John Harding, C-in-C. Far East Land Forces, and Major A.D.G. Llewellyn, A.D.C. to CIGS, flying via Saigon where he will meet French Indo-China officials.

Also returning to Singapore will be Maj. Gen. B.H. Kimmins, Director of Quartering War Office; Maj. Gen. L.D. Grand, Director of Fortifications and Works; and Lt. Col. A.M. Field, Staff Officer to CIGS, who form the remainder of CIGS' party visiting Far East Defences.

EX-HK TEACHER DIES AT HOME

Miss Nora W. Bascombe of the former Central British School now the King George Fifth School, died in the United Kingdom recently.

She was a teacher of mathematics and geography in the former Central British School from 1921 and afterwards headmistress of Bellin's Public School until she was interned in 1941.

After the liberation she took up a post in the Girls' College in Haifa. Later she was evacuated from Palestine.

The hardships she experienced in Hong Kong during internment and later in Palestine, undermined her health.

CHENNAULT BACK

Major-General Claire L. Chennault of the Civil Air Transport returned here yesterday from Chungking in a C.A.T. aircraft.

The General, who had left the Colony on Friday, has made trips to Hoihow, Kunning and Chungking in the past three days.

TO BE WED

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Roque Maria da Silva, clerk, of 59 Kimberley Road, first floor, and Miss Ethel Lytha Campos, typist, of 49 Kila Bailey Road, ground floor.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and no persons necessarily agree with them.

Hong Kong

Sir,—Whilst the presence of Mr. D. Rees Williams, who, we are told, is to tell us of the things which are being done for us by the people at Home, is exceedingly welcome, we have heard so many meaningless platitudes uttered by "visiting friends," including Mr. A. V. Alexander, that we should welcome more the presence of somebody who would return to the United Kingdom to tell the people there, what is NOT being done for us by the authoritarian dictatorship by which we are now governed.

What do the people at Home know of what is happening here? Do they know that whereas Germany, which has in the past quarter century brought death and destruction to thousands of our people, and has applied us today to a state of bankruptcy, is again granted the right to return to the United Kingdom to tell the people there, what is NOT being done for us by the authoritarian dictatorship by which we are now governed?

Do they know that this grateful Government, which has so long granted the right of return to those who have been brought here to defend big business interests, has not yet got around to authorising the sale of tax-free beer, soft drinks, and cigarettes to these servicemen?

Do they know that despite the existence of Colonial Regulations, designed to protect the public, Government after the war created monopolies in the matter of the distribution of essential commodities, rice, sugar, butter, etc., large quantities of which have been poured into the "black-market," by appointing without public tender certain firms to handle these commodities and that these monopolistic contracts have been renewed annually causing the Government authorities to support this practice in his Annual Report.

Do they know that contracts for Government works and services, often involving millions of dollars, are placed without the usual tendering process by the successful firm or by competing firms, ever being made public?

Do they know that within the past two years Government has spent between \$15 to \$20 millions in the construction of luxury apartments, while at the same time Government servants and hundreds of Government employees have been made to live in the "key-money" racket?

Do they know that despite extravagance on behalf of Government servants, nothing at all has been done to improve the lot of the public in regard to housing, despite the example set by the authorities in Singapore?

Do they know that despite the reiterated promises made by Under Secretaries of State for the Colonies, it is still impossible for a local man to secure appointment to a Government post on the same terms as those granted to employees engaged in the United Kingdom? So much for "equal opportunity."

Do the people at Home know that the people at the uttermost ends of the earth, who are virtually impossible for parents to give their children an education which will fit them for the future and that it is impossible to find schools which have vacancies for junior children?

Does the public at Home know that such conditions exist in the Colony which has been held up to them as an outpost of the Empire? Do you know that such conditions exist, Mr. Rees Williams? Why not spend a little more time with us and spend it on the levels where you are likely to learn the facts or, better still, appoint a Commission to investigate conditions here thoroughly. You may be more than shocked at the results.

Delayed Mail

Sir,—It is emphasised from time to time by the British and Hong Kong Governments that this Colony is an excellent "Shop Window" for British trade and initiative. Unfortunately since the war the mail service to the United Kingdom and places in the Commonwealth has been lamentable, and reflects most adversely on British endeavour in general and the two Governments concerned in particular.

The population of Hong Kong depends for their very existence on trade, and one of the most important items in maintaining an increasing trade is efficient communication. The question of an efficient air mail service therefore affects every man, woman and child in this Colony.

For several years BOAC has been criticised for the carrying of mails from Hong Kong to the U.K. and those of us who have been here during these years will have difficulty in coming to an other conclusion than that BOAC is either unwilling for reasons of policy or incapable of carrying mails at the necessary speed and frequency of service.

In the last few years I have travelled on the majority of BOAC's air routes and am well aware of the delays. BOAC has had to contend with by being forced to use unsuitable aircraft. It is, however, most unfortunate that this Government Corporation has been allowed to dissipate the goodwill of its predecessor, Imperial Airways.

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The Governor and Lady Grantham receiving the guests at the Government House yesterday. On Lady Grantham's left are Mr. D. Rees Williams and Field Marshal Sir William Slim. Colonel E.J.R. Mitchell is shaking hands with Mr. Rees Williams. ("China Mail" Photo.)

SCHOOLS-EMPLOYERS CO-OPERATION URGED

A suggestion that headmasters of schools should obtain the co-operation of employers of labour so that the most suitable pupils about to leave school could be selected and sent to apply for work which they are convinced they can do and enjoy, was made by Mr. T. R. Rowell, Hong Kong's Director of Education, yesterday. Mr. Rowell made the suggestion during his address at the private Pui Ching Middle School. He said that it is not often that the Director of Education comes to address one of the Colony's private schools. He said he wished that there were closer co-operation in many respects between private schools and the Education Department.

"Generally, speaking," he added, "our relations are extremely friendly, but they are to a large extent confined to such things as inspections, registration and teachers."

"I, therefore, welcome this opportunity of addressing the pupils and staff of the Pui Ching Middle School which, although a comparatively newcomer to the Colony (it has been established for 16 years), is branch of one of the oldest Christian Mission institutions in South China."

"In a school the size of Pui Ching a large number of students leave before they attain the Senior Middle classes. Economic circumstances make it necessary for them to become wage earners. This is something in which the school authorities can assist by making arrangements for them to leave school before University entry standard has been reached but by paying greater attention to these who do so."

"I think I can say with truth that we are happiest when we are doing what we like and can do best. That is, a good workman is a happy workman. It is therefore very important indeed that as far as possible people should do work for which their intelligence, aptitude and character fit them because that is what they will do best. It is not only hours of work and wages which make people happy and contented but interest and pride in the job and the ability to do it well. In many cases discontent comes from the incompetent rather than the competent man."

Best Fitted

"Better than anyone else, the staff of a school realise the aptitudes and characters of the students. Who, then, is better fitted to advise on the choice of a career of any kind? All too often those who leave school snatch at the first post offered to them, and when it is too late, find themselves chained to un congenial work."

"The Head of a school will be well advised to try, in conjunction with selected members of his staff, to obtain the co-operation of employers of labour in his area. A list of vacancies and probable future requirements could be kept and the most suitable pupils about to leave school could be selected and sent to apply for work which they are convinced they not only could do, but would enjoy doing."

Can Be Done

"Only careful assessment of ability and aptitude together with unbiased advice will achieve this. But it can be done. Knowing Pui Ching as a school always ready to accept new ideas, I put this one forward for your serious consideration."

"A school is not only judged on its academic successes or on its athletic ability but also on the length of service which members of the staff are prepared to give to it. When I see that a school has a staff replacement of 40 per cent in one year I know at once that something is wrong."

"The Pui Ching School is one of the outstanding private schools in the Colony. The permanency of the members of its staff and in this lies the secret of its success. In this, too, is reflected the standard of its organisation and administration."

"Where this is the case the school concerned takes care to give not only good academic instruction but places great stress on moral welfare and the training of character. I am glad to note that this is the case here."

Victimisation Of American Navy Men

A racket involving the swindling of personnel of American warships in port was revealed at Kowloon court yesterday when Lee Pan-wai, a tailor from North China, was given three months.

Lee was charged with the larceny of a wrist watch and a photograph from Commander Heath of USS Fechteler on July 12.

Detective Sub-Inspector Summery said that on July 12 the USS Fechteler was moored at buoy No. 25 and defendant with one E.F. Yan boarded the ship and requested a pass to sell newspapers. The pass was given by the Executive Officer. Yan was alleged to have told Commander Heath that he also repaired watches and enlarge photographs. Commander Heath gave Yan his wrist-watch to repair and a photograph of his wife to enlarge. Yan promised to return the watch the next day but failed to show up.

On July 14 W.J. Guarnera, Chief Master at Arms of the USS St. Paul, went on board the Fechteler, and learned about the presence of Yan aboard the ship. He then told the Commander what had occurred when the St. Paul was in port the previous month.

When the St. Paul arrived at the end of June, Yan was said to have got a permit to go on board to sell newspapers and told members of the crew that he did watch repairing as well. About 15 members of the crew gave him watches to repair. The watches were not returned before the vessel sailed.

After Mr. Guarnera's visit to the Fechteler, a radio signal was sent to the police requesting help and Police Sergeant J. W. Bellamy was despatched to interview Commander Heath and the investigation began.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Getchell, Mrs. J.J. Rutherford, Mrs. B. Marchetti, Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Wicheil, Messrs. L. Duke, F. Reist, E. Martin, J.K. Drinkall, J.H. Fal, P.P. de Castro, D. Kendrick, J.E. Nixon and F.L. Becker.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. F. Bates, Mr. M.L. Leonard, Miss B. Mitchell, Messrs. B.L. Anderson, T.H. Leach, W. Fletcher, O. Cochrane, E. Conway, S. Carr, R.G. Varlow, G. Rammal and Miss D. Jacobs.

Messrs. M. Gaiceppe, M. Richard, P.A. Balansen and To K. Ho, Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyrie and Mr. Tchen Hiong-fai were among the passengers who left for Paris by Air France yesterday.

Among those who arrived in the Colony yesterday, by CPA from Bangkok and Singapore were Messrs. R.L. Stover, B. Thawandas, F.K. Pattinson, A.K. Orborn, R.S. Mathew, Albert Chong, Cheng Peng and Miss Cheng Mo-lan.

Insists On Sentence

Mr. Wicks then said: "This amounts to a plea of not guilty. I cannot accept your plea then."

Mr. Summery: "We might just as well try the case. We have enough evidence here to prove that he did steal the watch and photograph."

However, defendant insisted that he should be sentenced. He said that he was responsible for taking Yan aboard the Fechteler, and that he wanted to redeem himself.

Whereupon Mr. Wicks imposed a sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour and deportation for a period of 10 years.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO HK POLICE FORCE

Sir Alexander Grantham, told the Hong Kong police and Police Reserve at their third annual review yesterday that he was proud of their work.

The Governor, speaking at the Happy Valley race course grounds, added that yesterday's review was even smarter than last year's, but that the Hong Kong police were much more than just smart in parades.

He said: "It would be possible for a force to be smart in a parade, but inefficient in the day-to-day duties which you perform."

"However, that does not apply in your case. You are on the job all the time."

"From talks and inspections of both officers and men of the force, it is evident to me that you do have spirit, courage, and are proud to be members of this very fine force."

The Governor said that he had presented a medal to the Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. Macintosh, CMG, OBE, and though the medal was given to the Commissioner personally, it was also given to the whole force.

He added: "For it this force was not as good as it is, the medal never would have been given."

When the Governor and Lady Grantham arrived at 10.30 yesterday morning, the massed bands of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs Regiment, and the South Staffordshire Regiment, played one verse of the National Anthem. After the inspection of the Forces by the Governor, accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Macintosh, and Mr. T. E. Clune and Mr. H. O. Tso, the Governor presented medals to Hong Kong Police Officers. He presented the King's Police Medal for Gallantry to Police Corporal, Li Fong and to the widow of Police Constable, Chiu Kwai Sang.

Chiu Kwai Sang, who had an old rifle bullet through his chest and very little ammunition but gave his active assistance to the regular police before, during and after the action.

Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.

Defective Constable Chan Wing.

This officer was one of a party which intercepted an armed gang on the way to a robbery on 4th February, 1948 in Third Street.

A running fight took place during which one of the two armed robbers shot at the constable at short range but missed him. The constable shot down both men and continued in pursuit of a third.

One of the men went to bay in a house and committed suicide rather than be taken.

The constable gave a high example of unflinching courage against armed odds, courage, initiative and tenacity in the execution of his duty.

His companion was shot dead almost immediately and a gun battle ensued in the dark during which the Corporal after exhausting his own ammunition and that of his dead comrade, with the help of the Village Guard, bluffed three of the gang into surrendering with their arms while two escaped.

The action involved dangerous risk from the beginning and the constable was constantly surrounded with initiative, courage and tenacity to the end in the highest tradition of the Police Service.

Constable Chiu Kwai Sang (posthumous) by his widow EEM Chiu Kwai Sang (now constable).

The award of a posthumous KPM is made only in the most exceptional circumstances.

The constable was Corporal Li Fong, companion and died fighting in the early stages of the action just described. He had less than a year's service in the Police Force.

Constable Chiu Kwai Sang, who received the British Empire Medal was the gallant Village Guard who had an old rifle bullet through his chest and very little ammunition but gave his active assistance to the regular police before, during and after the action.

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The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, talking to the Annual Hong Kong Police Review at Happy Valley yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Chinese Dairy Farms Doing Good Business

(Exclusive to the "Sunday Herald")
Beneath the protective slopes of Diamond Hill in Kowloon, adjacent to the airfield, 15 Chinese-operated dairy farms cluster together to maintain one of the Colony's vital industries—fresh milk production.

With their 600 head, attended to by some 1,000 trained personnel, the dairies produce a daily average of 10,000 bottles of pasteurised fresh milk to serve both Kowloon and the Island.

Established about half a century ago, these dairies have been gradually rehabilitated since the Liberation and with the addition of 60 more head from Australia the output per month has been considerably increased.

This year has seen an increase of 20 per cent in the daily production. It is expected that with the addition of 60 more head due shortly, the figure will be increased.

The South China military developments have, incidentally, affected the feeding of the cattle. Rice bran which formerly came from the river ports has been restricted owing to the blockade.

It is believed, however, that the authorities concerned are contemplating to seek permission to import bran from Siam to meet the present requirement.

Working in conjunction with the dairies, the Government Animal Husbandry Division has achieved unprecedented success in its campaign to suppress rinderpest—dreaded cattle disease.

Valuable Aid

It was learned that since the beginning of the anti-rinderpest campaign, some three months ago, 85 per cent of the some 10,000 cattle and buffalo in Hong Kong have been treated.

This marked the first occasion in the history of the Colony that something concrete has been done to assist the animal and poultry owners in the Colony.

Rinderpest has been prevalent here for many years and the severe losses through this disease each year have kept cattle population very low. It has, consequently, restricted the expansion of agriculture.

Most farmers who have paddy fields would like to own cattle or buffalo for the purpose of plowing their fields. But because of the fear of losing these animals through rinderpest, they have refrained from taking the risk.

Cattle are hired from others who are better off financially and who are in a position to risk it. During the past three months, the majority of the local cattle population has been inoculated against rinderpest, free of charge.

Poultry Diseases

The vaccine used is called ispanized vaccine and is made locally by Dr. G. G. Aitken, MRCVS, part-time Government official, who has given a great deal of his time to this work.

The vaccine was originally experimented on animals in Hong Kong supplied by the Government at the Fanning Jockey Club stables. The vaccine was found effective and safe. Cattle imported from abroad are more susceptible to the disease than local breeds.

But Kowloon dairymen have reported that their "foreign" cattle have not experienced any ill effects. They have not decreased in the daily yield after being inoculated.

Besides concentrating on the anti-rinderpest campaign, the Government AHD treats Newcastle disease, foot and mouth and other poultry diseases. Rinderpest is also receiving attention of the Agricultural Department and a considerable amount of work has already been done in this direction.

It is the opinion of the Kowloon branch of the expert on existing livestock and poultry in Hong Kong today is most encouraging.

Court Briefs

Charged with importing gold into the Colony without a licence, Cheung Yu-wai, a young Chinese woman, had five of 10 gold bars that she brought in confiscated by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant, who arrived here by air from Taiwan on route to Kueiyang, produced a plane ticket to show that she was a transient. Revenue Inspector Fowler asked the Court to confiscate all of the bars, saying that she was asked twice and written form whether she had any gold and she replied "No."

Lau Kwong, 25-year-old banished, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for breach of a deportation order.

Defendant was banished in 1946 at the Criminal Sessions. Mr. Wicks ordered re-deportation after his term is served.

Convicted on a charge of loitering obstruction, three Chinese women received prison terms by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Defendants were Yu Yuk-lan, one month; Wong Ngan, two weeks; and Yung Wai-ying, two weeks.

All the defendants were arrested outside Wharf Barracks by Military Police on Friday night.

LOCAL ESTATES

Local estate sworn under \$242,900 was left by Wong Siu-chant, formerly of 30 Caine Road, who died intestate at his address on November 16, 1948, at the age of 61.

A petition by his widow, Wong Chan-shi, for the Letters of Administration of the estate has been granted.

Laiwau On-shing, alias Leisen Lew, alias Lew Lai-san, accountant, formerly of 225 Nathan Road, second floor, who died intestate in a traffic accident at the junction of Jordan Road and Nathan Road on July 9, 1947, left local estate sworn under \$168,600.

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DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The Committee of the British Legion acknowledges with thanks the undermentioned donations to the Earl Hale Fund for Disabled Ex-Servicemen:

Formerly acknowledged (\$18,487): R. J. E. Ellis, Esq. (\$100); Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd. (\$200); Messrs. S.H.K. Mills (R.E.) Ltd. (\$100); Ben. McNeil Brewery (R.E.) (\$100); R. D. L. Gordon, Esq. (\$100); The Leighton-Gibbs Ltd. (\$25); Tay Kee & Co. (\$50); On Lok Yuen Co. Ltd. (\$25); Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. (\$100); Anglo-Chinese Trading Co. (\$50); Belmont & Co. (\$25); Anonymous (\$10); P. C. Tsang (\$10)—\$19,412.

Latest donations to the Union Church Bazaar, Fund Raising:

Formerly acknowledged \$58,643: Mr. A. Rose (\$100); Mr. and Mrs. D. Black (\$50)—\$19,243.

Public subscription to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between October 16 and 23 follows:

Club Lusitano: \$200.50; Received to October 16, 1949: \$5,771,286.22. Total: \$5,971,986.72.

WAH YAN PARTY

More than 100 Old Boys of Wah Yan College were present at a reception held at the College, Robinson Road, last night.

After cocktails the Old Boys indulged in community singing.

Concert At The Gripps

First of two concerts in aid of the Earl Hale Fund will be given by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at The Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel at 9 p.m. today. The concert will be repeated at the same place and time next Sunday.

Two guest conductors have been invited to conduct the concerts. They are Commissioned Bandmaster A.O. White, LRAM, RM, and Commissioned Bandmaster A.E. Starg, LRAM, RM. Mr. Stanley King, well-known violinist will lead the Orchestra.

A bar and buffet has been arranged for members of the audience.

The Hong Kong Light Orchestra is planning to give a Christmas concert which will include carols by choristers, Christmas music and Haydn's Farewell Symphony.

Tonight's programme will include Pot Pourri, "Passion of the Regiments", Selections, "Risolotto", Verdi, "New-Sullivan", "Merry King", German, "Old-time", Brahms, "The New World Symphony", "The Movement", "Dvorak", and Elgar "Chanson de Nuit".

There will be two soloists, Mr. R. Rees (French Horn) who will play "Toccata for Trombone and Auxiliary" in the review, and P. A. Medelst, (Violin) who will render "Hymn to the Sun" and "Norwegian Melody" by Bull.

The Governor said, while addressing the review, that he realised the police force, to maintain efficiency, required high standards, and that in such an organisation, there was no room for slackers.

He added: "I realise the work and importance of maintaining your high standards."

"During the past year, the Hong Kong Police Reserve gave valuable assistance to the main police force."

"I welcome for the first time a contingent from this special constabulary. The work that they are doing is of great importance, especially at this juncture, and I should like to see more citizens joining their organisation."

"To all members of this force, I say that I am proud of you."

The Hong Kong Police Reserve and Auxiliary in the review were under the command of Mr. T.O. TSO, Superintendent of Police Reserve. The contingents were: Police Reserve—One, under the command of Mr. K.B. Lee, ASP; Police Reserve—Two, Mr. C.C. Chan, ASP; and Special Constabulary, under the command of Mr. G. B. Fraser, MBE, ASP.

The Governor presented medals to three police officers, after Mr. D. W. Macintosh read the following citations:

1. Corporal Li Fong: This officer and P.C. Chiu Kwai Sang volunteered to locate a dangerous gang. They did so at Chik-Kang Village, NT on May 29, 1948. Deciding that the gang might escape while help was summoned, they engaged the help of the Village Guard (now PC Chiu Kwai Sang) and during a storm in the night attempted to arrest five armed men who resisted immediately.

Reminders

Today

Tue H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group, talk by the Rev. J. Andrews on "Life of a Padre in the New Territories" 8.30 p.m.
Summer Time ends at 3.30 a.m.
Musical Recital for Forces, St. Andrews Church, 8.45 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra concert in aid of Earl Hale Fund, The Gripps, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.
Girl Guides Exhibition at Sandilands Hut, Flagstaff Road.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
First Service at new Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, 10.30 a.m.
HK Chinese Clerks Association, second general meeting, Kam Ling Restaurant, 10.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Whist Drive, European YMCA (for civilians and Services) 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Club Night for Services, Gloucester Bldg., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club, talk on "Chinese Clubs of Early Days" by Mr. L. Z. Yuan, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive (for civilians and Services) European YMCA, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Legislative Council meeting CSO, Council Chamber, 2.30 p.m.
Tue a meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, West Lounge, 8 p.m. Mahjong Games (for members and Services) 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

HK Women's International Club, Whist for Services, Gloucester Bldg., 8 p.m.

British Council weekly film show and talk by P. Gallagher, St. Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Barnstaple Variety Show for members and Services, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club weekly luncheon meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Chinese Sloop Going To Taiwan

News reached the Colony yesterday that the damaged Chinese sloop, Kiang Yang, which rammed the French freighter Doctor Yersin, is proceeding under her own steam to Taiwan without difficulty.

It is learned reliably that the Swedish vessel Andarun picked up a message from the Chinese sloop reporting that she was "all right."

This coincided with the return of the towage tug, Frigate Moller, yesterday from the Pratas Islands, where she was sent to rescue a Chinese craft in distress with some 800 starving soldiers aboard.

The master, Mr. L. Colmans, reported the vessel was in sight.

Information gathered from several sources revealed that the distressed LFT reported to be grounded on Pratas Reefs and the Chinese sloop Kiang Yang were the same vessel.

The Andarun arrived here yesterday from Kobe.

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JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)
Something important arranged by letter or a new contract takes shape. But beware bad feelings among relatives and colleagues on Tuesday. Questions or assistance better left until next week.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)
The problem of old debts may hold up more than one promising scheme. Don't take on fresh responsibilities before you have made some settlement about the old ones. But new ideas plentiful and you get some useful publicity on Saturday.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)
You pull one way this week and relative another. Hence difficult to get anything going until about Friday. Business situation promising and you are likely to put something through by about end of month.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)
Close associates or fellow workers may make trouble in next few days. Your best policy is simply to mark time this week and refuse to take sides. Financially a fortunate period ahead on Tuesday.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)
After much argument and some difficulty a new link-up is arranged at end of week. Worthwhile taking trouble over both business and personal contacts this week; you need co-operation in new schemes due next month.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)
Clashes with other people or some difficulty about a property matter likely on Tuesday. End of week should bring interesting news of fresh scheme, and possibly speculative "luck." Make the most of social contacts, introductions, on Friday and Saturday.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
Wiser not to arrange anything that matters by letter; see to all essential details yourself.

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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

self. Likely to be important week for new schemes and particularly for anything that concerns entertainment or the young. Any ventures in hand come to a head on Saturday.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
Long-standing family grievances likely to be revived this week; better not take them too seriously. About Thursday it should be possible to elicit an interesting new contract, inaugurate worthwhile arrangements. Good luck on Saturday.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)
Though it may be difficult to keep your temper, make an effort to do so this week. Irritating incidents in the family and in connection with old debts on Tuesday. But end of week should bring good news of proposed travel or of a new deal.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)
Better take a little extra care of health in next few days. Alternatively old enemies reappear and one of them may do you an ill turn on Tuesday. But financially the outlook is promising and you recover lost ground, fix up some profitable arrangement on Saturday.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)
Provided you keep clear of speculation all's well this week. Efforts made during the last few months would probably result in a useful link-up on Saturday. If married, husband or wife should be entering upon a fortunate period.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)
Mid-week likely to be a critical business period; be careful what commitments you make. Socially and personally the outlook is bright. If you need help you will probably get it from private sources.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

FOR MOST OF US: Should be a happy day for everyone but sporting enthusiasts. Unwise to take physical risks this afternoon and evening; ideal for entertaining, tele-grams, FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Without doubt this will be a happy year though it may not be an altogether calm one. You will have your ups and downs in 1949-50 but throughout the 12 months find life more amusing and enjoyable than it has been for a long time. Try not to take people or affairs too seriously. A light touch would be appropriate this year and you will gain more through being sociable and helpful than by sticking closely to routine. If you have difficulties—either financial or personal—you will get out of them quickly enough if you are ready to take a helping hand and if you make the right use of your friends. Difficult days may come just before Easter and again just before your next birthday.

They will arise not so much from blundering on your part as through the activities of business rivals or personal enemies. Someone will try to do you a bad turn before the year is up. Yet in spite of hostility in certain quarters, you will undoubtedly gain through goodwill of others. Hence business changes, a new job, or travel could all be arranged this year if desired. On the whole, it would be better not to make long journeys.

You will be safer and happier near home in 1949-50. If now heartwhole, you will surely run into romantic adventures in a few months time. If married, happiness comes through young people and children but there is likely to be trouble with brothers, sisters or neighbours. But most personal relationships—certainly those that are most essential to you—will run a happy course in 1949-50.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

FOR MOST OF US: Propitious beginning to the working week. Get on with new schemes, arrange interviews. Good for anything out of the way and for surprise tactics. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Light green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

It will be little use clinging to general routine or appearing changes this year. If you stay in a groove throughout 1949-50 you will gain little and probably be unhappy. Change and adventure are essential to your success and peace of mind in the coming 12 months.

If you get a chance to go abroad or to travel extensively, take it. Though such action may entail great effort at the beginning and may prove more expensive than you anticipated, it will be worthwhile in the end. If you do not go abroad, consider a house move before the end of the year. Don't expect "luck" in speculation this year, but your usual income is likely to be increased rather than diminished. Changes would not necessarily bring in money at first but they would give you greater scope and lead to a higher income in a few years time.

You should be able to re-organise your way of living during this coming year. Don't be content with the associates you have had for the last few years. Link up with new and interesting people. It looks as though you may take a leading part in some local political or social activity about the middle of 1950.

Whether married or single, your personal relationships are likely to re-orientate this year. Some of strange and unusual personality may tend to dominate your affairs. If single, marriage may come about very speedily; if married, you may find yourself packing up and moving your family to a different town or country at short notice.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

FOR MOST OF US: If work sticks to your fingers this morning, be patient. Also, be tolerant of other people's weaknesses. Postpone anything that matters until early evening. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Although from a financial angle this will be a fortunate year, it is not likely to be an easy or altogether happy one. Throughout 1949-50 you will be coping with family problems, be worried about older people in your circle. Family and business responsibilities will weigh heavily upon you during the first six months of the year.

Although your own income and your own affairs should be satis-

factory four dependants will be having a difficult time. Hence, you will have to put your hand in your pocket for older people many times during the course of the year. In business, forget the past and plan for changing in the near future. You will not have to worry seriously about money although the problem of old debts may not be completely settled by the end of the 12 months.

If you hold property, you may have to lay out a good deal in necessary repairs in the New Year. You seem likely to achieve a good deal of success in your career during 1949-50. But you will probably have some difficulty in settling all the co-operation you need and it will be harder than usual to find time for serious thought and study.

Distractions are likely to be particularly plentiful around Christmas and the New Year. Women, particularly older ones, will be responsible for many of your problems in 1949-50. Family relationships too will be under troubled stars. Hence, you will probably be happier and luckier with your dealings with new acquaintances and comparative strangers than in anything to do with those near and dear to you.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FOR MOST OF US: Difficult to make plans today; keep yourself free to face emergencies. Don't expect people to keep appointments or work to time. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

You should find this next year of life enjoyable but disconcerting. Experiences gained in 1949-50 will be of great use to you in the years to come. At the time, however, they may throw out your arrangements, prove startling and upsetting.

It will be wise not to make any rigid plans until July or August of 1950. Until then your affairs are likely to be unsettled. This does not mean that you will be unfortunate or lose money, but simply that it will be hard to plan ahead or to say what is going to happen next. No need to worry seriously about finance, provided you don't put money into property. Any holdings of this kind are likely to depreciate rather suddenly or you may find there is some flaw in the title deeds. Also, apparently secure schemes are likely to fall through while others that seemed hazardous do well.

Don't travel this year if you can help it. If you go abroad, you will lose some golden opportunity that materialises in your absence. However disagreeable your present environment may be put up with it for a little longer. Near relatives are likely to prove temperamental and an estrangement is probable in your own family. At the same time, you seem to plunge into new and romantic friendships that may not meet with family approval. If married, expect the unexpected this year; friends and relatives will give you more than one surprise this year.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FOR MOST OF US: Complications probable this morning, but you make progress later. Rumours abound but are probably unfounded. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

It looks as though you will start out on this year of life in a muddle. For some months—probably until March 1950—you will wonder what to do next. Then comes clearer vision, and probably marked progress in your career, followed by a period of prosperity. So be patient and as clear-headed as possible during the next few months.

Don't borrow or lend money and don't take promises of help too seriously. There will be no easy road to riches round about Christmas and the New Year. After Easter you seem likely to link up with a former friend or associate who is now a person of some account in your circle. Result of this alliance should be a secure income and a more interesting job. There is much hard work ahead of you but also a good deal of success.

Older people will be a stand-by this year and you will realise to the full the value of long standing friendships and family connections. Better have little to do with glamorous but unreliable types who will take your money and give you little in return. In personal relationships, too, beware new and probably unreliable friends. Happiness this year is to be found in a relationship of some years standing and new ties. Unless you are careful, you may get involved in some unpleasant tangle between now and Easter.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

FOR MOST OF US: Difficult day financially, take care you are not victimised this morning. Most propitious from a social and personal angle. You make worthwhile contacts this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose Pink, 6, Lapis Lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Although this is likely to be an expensive year it will probably be one of the happiest you have had since pre-war days. You will spend a good deal of

money in 1949-50 but you will gain in happiness, experience, self-confidence. Don't be too extravagant; it will be worth while cutting down overheads, planning a few economies round about Christmas time.

Late in the year—probably in May or August 1950—you will find that conditions are easier and that you can afford to launch out a little. It will be worth while tackling new schemes or changing your job, although the change may entail a lower income for the time being. There is more to be gained through new ventures than through clinging to familiar work or carrying on with half-completed schemes.

If travel opportunities occur it might be wise to take them, although journeys this year are not under altogether favourable stars. Mentally and spiritually, it will be a year to remember. You make some considerable advance in a cherished line of study or in some new interest. If politically minded, it looks as though you will take a more active part in local affairs.

If interested in social climbing you make some useful new friends. In your personal life it will be a very fortunate period. You plunge into some new link-up with enthusiasm and if now single may find yourself married before the end of the year. If already settled, it looks as though a new friend will be a great help in solving both family and business problems.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

FOR MOST OF US: Full Moon today and a tense time for many people. Propitious for making quick decisions, cutting loose from difficult situations. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Vermillion, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Take your courage in both hands and go all out for what you want this year. Born when you were you probably have sufficient hardihood and tenacity to achieve your ambitions. Developments of the next few months should give you just the opportunity you have been waiting for. Developments over Christmas and the New Year lead up to far-reaching changes about May.

But don't wait until then to get your plans in order; have new ideas tried out by February at the latest. The more adventurous and original, you are the greater your success early in 1950. "Outside chances" are likely to come off this year while apparently secure jobs fall through. Courage will be well repaid before your next birthday. If health has been affected during the last year or so, it looks as though you get a new lease of life. Also, you will probably make a change of residence rather suddenly between Christmas and the end of April.

Changes of all kinds will benefit you both physically and mentally during 1949-50. Your personal life enters a happier phase. Difficulties of the last year or so may be cleared up rather suddenly. If single, a whirlwind engagement likely; if married, changes clear the air and produce a better atmosphere in the family. New friendships prove both stimulating and engrossing in 1950.

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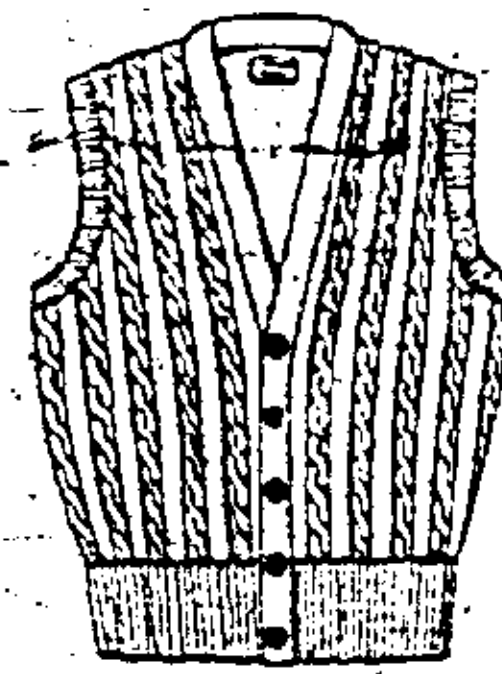
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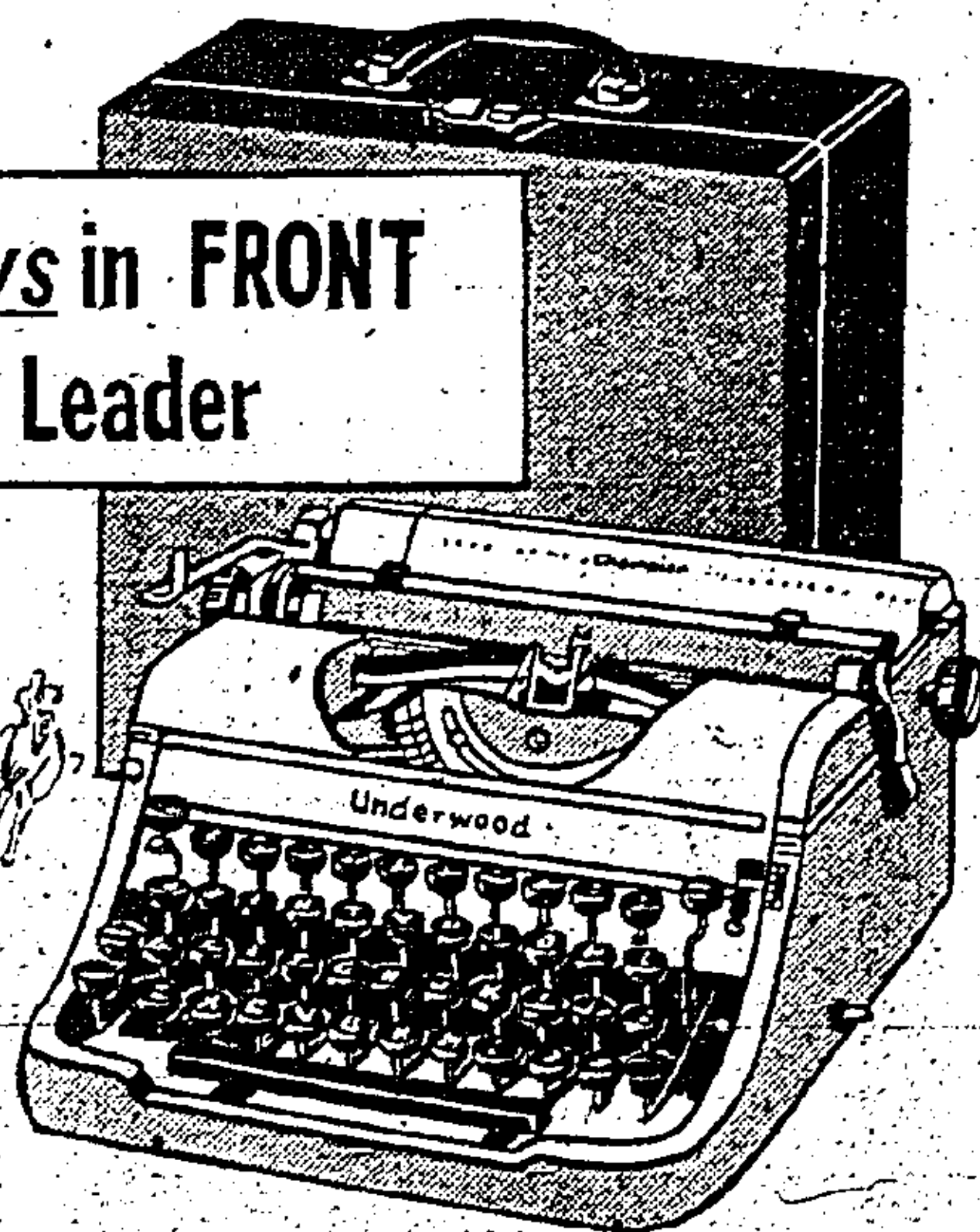
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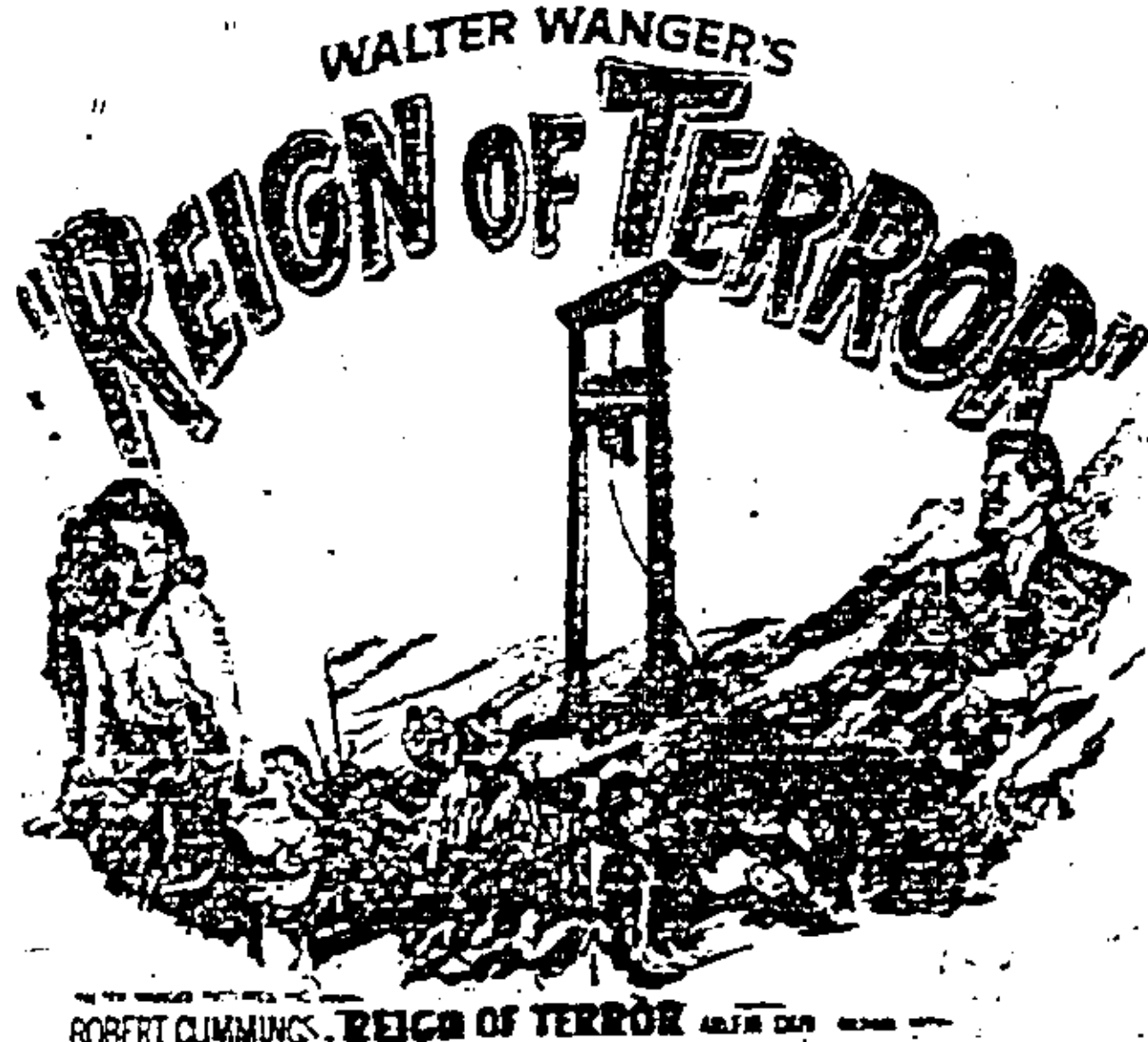
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SACKING OF ADMIRAL: STORM OF PROTEST: SECRETARY ATTACKED

Washington, October 28.

A storm of protest broke today over the dismissal of Admiral Louis Denfeld as the Navy's senior admiral.

At least two members of Congress demanded that the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Francis Matthews, resign.

Mr. Matthews met Admiral Denfeld face to face and offered him a new lesser post, but Admiral Denfeld kept silent on whether he will accept it or throw up his 40-year naval career entirely. An aide, Captain Walter Karig, said the Admiral probably would do the latter.

Senator William Knowland, California Republican, called for Mr. Matthews to resign "so that a new top team can function properly." He said it is "imperative" for Mr. Matthews to resign.

Representative George Bates, Massachusetts Republican, also clamored for the scalp of Mr. Matthews, who insisted that Admiral Denfeld be shifted from the post of Chief of Naval Operations.

President Truman announced the shift on Thursday.

Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, Massachusetts Republican, said the dismissal of Admiral Denfeld and announced cuts in naval strength had thrust "a dagger into the heart of the United States Navy."

What the enemy could not do by gunfire, torpedoes and kamikaze, politicians have achieved by the fatal blue liquid spray of a pen," Mrs. Rogers said.

"Walked The Plank"

Meanwhile, Captain Karig, Admiral Denfeld's special aide, said a number of naval associates of Admiral Denfeld have told the Admiral they were "ready to turn in their suits."

Captain Karig said Admiral Denfeld advised them all to stay in the service.

Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said the case will be dealt

with on the floor of the House in January, and in his committee's report on the Armed Services row.

Mr. Vinson charged that Admiral Denfeld had been forced to "walk the plank" in reprisal for his testimony before the House Committee in angry hearings on the split in the military high command. Admiral Denfeld told the Committee a fortnight ago that the Navy's attack power was being ruined under the unified defense organization.

Delayed by expressions of sympathy over his removal, Admiral Denfeld said in a fighting speech to Navy men today that no other service and no individual is going to hurt the Navy.

The Secretary of Defense, Mr. Louis Johnson, said Admiral Denfeld was dismissed in reprisal for his Congressional testimony. Mr. Johnson injected a new twist into the bitter controversy in a letter to Representative Bates implying that the Admiral was removed because he lacked "the necessary qualifications" for the job as Chief of Naval Operations.

"Can't Even Row"

In Boston, Representative Bates demanded that the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Matthews not dismiss Admiral Denfeld—be dismissed.

"Mr. Matthews is absolutely unfit to hold the office," Mr. Bates said. "His naval experience is nil and he can't even row a boat."

Admiral Denfeld said today: "For 30 odd years I have been sticking to my guns."

Admiral Denfeld's "re-assignment" came less than a week after the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee's enquiry disclosed funda-

mental differences on basic American military strategy between some of the Navy's leaders and other Service chiefs.

Admiral Denfeld played a leading part in this inquiry which investigated Navy charges of unfair treatment of the Navy by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Navy chiefs criticized the policy of relying on the giant B-36 bomber and atomic bombs in any future war and complained that the Navy was not being allowed to develop in its own way.—Associated Press and Reuters.

ECAFE TO MEET IN INDIA

Singapore, October 28.

The Punjab was today selected for the 1950 site of the sixth ECAFE meeting fixed for between October 15 and November 15. Bangkok was rejected by 11 votes to four.—United Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up with the Sun.
8.00—News and Weather Report.
8.15—Ernest White—Organist.
8.30—Morning Variety.
9.00—Sunday Variety.
9.15—The Time Times.
9.30—Harmony Hall.
10.15—Keyboard Concert.
10.30—Interval Signal.
10.35—Church Service—Light Music—Organ Melodies.
11.00—Dance Music.
11.30—Sports Results.
12.30—Interval Signal.
1.00—Just for You.
1.15—News and Weather Report.
1.30—Popular Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Melodies.
4.00—Certain Calls.
4.15—The Sunday Programme.
5.00—Summer Serenade.
5.30—Music Hall Varieties.
6.00—Forest Favourites.
6.30—Just for You.
6.45—The Sunday Programme.
7.15—The Grace Field Show.
7.45—Listen to Liberty.
8.00—"Song Souvenirs".
8.15—The Sunday Programme.
8.30—Your Music and Mine.
8.45—The Sunday Programme.
9.00—BBC News.
9.15—Local News.
9.30—"Blue Skies".
9.45—"Hall of Fame".
10.00—Organ Recitals.
10.15—Radio Serial.
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Seven died at Montignoso village near Massa Carrara in Northern Italy when a landslide crushed two houses. Two rescued from the wreckage are in a serious condition.

The eighth death occurred at Cagliari, Sardinia, where a shepherd was killed by lightning. Damage in the Carrara alone was placed at 1,000,000,000 lire.—United Press.

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H.K.T.
A.M.

10.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

10.05—Paul Weston and His Orchestra.

10.10—Vocal Jo Stafford and Gordon Macrae.

10.30—"Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. Conducted by Gilbert Vinter. (BBC).

11.00—Morning Service from the Studio.

Conducted by Brigadier F. T. Waller. (Salvation Army). (Studio).

11.45—London Studio Concert—New London String Ensemble. Conducted by Marion Miles. (BBC).

P.M.

12.15—Waiting with Waldfesel.

12.30—Sports Results. (Studio).

12.45—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

1.00—BBC Crosby Sings Some Favourites.

1.15—Country Harmony.

1.30—News, Weather Report and Announcements. (Studio).

1.45—Interval.

2.00—A Popular Concert.

2.15—"Ten Green Berets".

2.30—"Jam Without Tears"—Presented by Graham and Sandy Scott McConnell. (Studio).

2.45—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio).

3.00—World News.

3.15—Sports Time—Presented by Bill Phillips. (Studio).

3.30—"Force Hour"—Presented by Linda Carter. (Studio).

3.45—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

3.50—"Weekly News Letter". (London Relay).

4.15—Services Even-Song—Conducted by the Rev. Robson, G.F. (Studio).

4.30—Patricia Rasmussen. (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver. (Organ).

4.45—World News and News Analysis.

5.00—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programme.

5.30—"Dinner Music"—Played by the New Concert Orchestra.

5.45—"From the Editor's".

6.10—Symphony Concert—Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 4 in G Minor, Op. 40. Sergei Rachmaninoff and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Conducted by Eugene Ormandy. Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending (Romance for Violin Orchestra). Philharmonia Orchestra; Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Camille Franck's Symphony in D Minor. D'Orchestre de la Societe du Conservatoire de Paris; Conducted by Charles Munch.

6.30—"The Small House at Allington"—The Novel by Anthony Trollope. (BBC).

6.45—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay).

7.00—"Weather Report. (BBC).

7.15—"A Short Vocal Recital by Elizabeth Schwarzkopf (Soprano) and Akos Scholtz (Tenor)."

7.30—"London Studio Melodies"—Sweet Serenade with Patsy and Paul. Green and Steve Conway. (BBC).

7.45—"Those Were The Days"—Old Time Dances played by Harry Davidson and His Orchestra.

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8.15—"Epilogue. (BBC).

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Patrick Campbell's Piece

I was lying almost rigid in bed, trying to force the harp end of a boiled egg between my teeth, preparatory to taking part in the fourth round of the Mixed Four-omes at Worplesdon.

On the previous day my lady assistant and I had defeated Vanda Morgan and Eustace Jerey, the holders of this valuable trophy, by a comfortable margin. Lot of talk around the clubhouse, of course, about the olders being off their game.

Lot of ladies in pearls, pale blue hair, and angora wool carigans coming up and looking at us practically through long-sleeved gloves. I brought round into the drawing-room on our backs had to explain that the holders had been forced off their game by superior skill, but in fact the whole thing had been just a blur.

It was the first time I'd played off with female experts and I'd of the shock of my life. Miss Morgan hit a bash off the second ball that would have gone through armour plate, and subsequently it down trees and emptied out unkindly with a violence that was terrifying to watch. I thought the men would be watching the ear ones shuffling the ball along the ground, and squeaking if they got it into the air.

However, my lady assistant and I were successful - the lady assistant chopping down trees with the best of them.

And now, having this egg round, I was waiting for the newspapers to arrive. Modest curiosity.

Was the glorious boy, after writing about himself so long, now going to get written about by somebody else? Interesting, revealing.

Nothing - nothing whatever - in the first two sheets. "If this goes on," I said, "I'll have to get a Press agent."

But then the most of venerable of them all. And what was this? Great Heavens! "He has plenty of power, and a beautifully

smooth putting touch." By Mr. Bernard Darwin himself! "He has plenty of power," I said, "and a beautifully smooth putting touch." Harmonious prose.

I got dressed, in a kind of way. At the first attempt I tied my tie around my forehead, with the long bit hanging down in front.

I went downstairs to get my things together, and threw a shovelful of coke at the boiler door. Then I opened the door, put the shovel inside and walked into the mop cupboard. These golf tournaments have a tendency to make one nervous - nervous, I mean, like putting the shovel into the boiler, and then trying to get out into the garden through the fridge.

So Bernard Darwin, the doyen of golf writers, thought I had a beautifully smooth putting touch. A kindly thought. He must have



been watching someone else. Or perhaps he saw me in the distance scraping mud off my shoe.

The truth of the matter is that I've a putting touch as smooth as a navy breaking concrete, except that he has both feet on the ground.

"Well," I said to my lady assistant, "I see we're all over the better-class newspapers this morning. I've a beautifully smooth putting touch, and you've had a good upbringing in Fife. Would you like to swap?"

The lady assistant, in fact, had saved us from being ordered off the course several times in the two previous rounds by holing putts, apparently on purpose, so long that no one really believed it had happened until we found the ball in the hole.

"But," she said, "but you are a gould putter." Pure Fife. Stubborn. Argumentative.

"All right," I said, "you keep your Scotch connections, and I'll play my own game."

Mr. Darwin was there by the first tee on his shouting stick, smiling and chatting with the assembled competitors.

"Good morning, Mr. Darwin," I said, "I haven't got a beautifully smooth putting touch." Shot it right out.

"Good morning," said Mr. Darwin, "you have." Shot it right back. I slashed at a couple of horse-chestnuts, and walked away.

We were in play on Mrs. Joll and a Mr. Jack Girardet. Shows you the kind of clientele you get in a thing like this.

Mr. Girardet's name was announced, with difficulty, by the starter. This was a frightful invention, which persisted throughout the tournament. The first blow of the day is one to be produced anonymously, and, if possible, behind a canvas screen. But this business of "Mr. Jack Girardet!" And then we all leap round the ring waving our clasped hands above our heads.

And then the even more fearful business of "Mr. P. - CA31P-BELL!" I would have preferred to play the shot in paper-bag. Just two ere-holes. The Masked Avenger.

"That old smooth putter," I said, and hit one down the middle. I was ready then, to give autographs, and hand round face-simile impressions of the grip in plaster of paris, but, of course, we had to get on with the game.

On the first green I shovelled a longish putt up beside the hole. This was more or less normal, because it's only after I've played a couple of holes that the head of the putter begins to write about the putt and snap at my socks. All the same, I thought, I did perhaps detect a certain smoothness about the stroke. Could it be that Darwin was right? Not that other one, about the monkeys, but this one - about me.

On the next green I holed an enormous one. Just stroked it very smoothly downhill, all the way into the hole.

"H'm," I said. Mrs. Joll and Mr. Girardet looked as sick as mud.

On the third green my lady assistant holed another beautiful one, inspired by the master. On the fourth green I missed a putt of 2ft. Actually missed it clean in spite of the fact that the other ball was hanging over the lip of the hole, providing a target the size of a hip-bath.

Mr. Bernard Darwin, in person, was sitting at the back of the clubhouse. The lady assistant was a little short with her approach, perhaps 18in.

I took out my putter. Out of the corner of my eye I thought saw Mr. Darwin move a little to the left to get a better view.

I lined up the putt. Seemed to be about straight. Bent right down low, back of the left hand to the hole. Slowly, smoothly back, head firm, a neat little tap. The ball, after a moment of indecision, advanced a foot, and came to rest. "Sorry about that," I said, "didn't quite seem to go the strength." As I walked past Mr. Darwin I gave a kind of sneer. He was looking the other way.

With six left to play we were four down. For a time I'd contemplated putting with my driver, a sand-blasted, and my lady assistant, in that order. With my own instrument I was having difficulty in reaching the ground.

And then, suddenly, Mrs. Joll and her gentleman friend came to pieces. They disappeared into the trees at the twelfth. We got the holes back. Amid scenes of unparalleled excitement we found ourselves only one down, with two to go.

At the seventeenth both sides were on in two shots, except that a hawk about 3ft. high rose like a mountain between me and the hole.

I think we all knew what was going to happen. But I tried to trick like anything. I lay down three holes back. I had a couple of practice shots. Then I hit it off the maker's name at the back. The ball staggered up the hill, paused, and rolled smoothly and beautifully back again, and that was the end of that.

Thank you very much, Mr. Darwin. Hope to see you again some other time.

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Recognition Issue

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: Statements that Britain will recognise the new People's Republic of China is sheer speculation. The conditions on which Britain will give recognition to the new Chinese regime have already been indicated in Mr. Bevin's recent speech.

There are two main points in this issue of recognition. One is the policy that Britain would be prepared to adopt towards the new government. The second is the new regime's policy towards China's existing international obligations.

Speaking plainly, it is obvious that Britain will not officially recognise the new Chinese regime until the new government accepts the Sino-British Treaty of 1898.

As far as trade is concerned, the issue should not prove a handicap or obstacle. In 1917, when the Tsarist regime in Russia was overthrown by the Bolsheviks, the Soviet abrogated all international commitments undertaken by the Tsarist Government.

Soviet Russia, however, continued to engage in trade with other countries. The question of recognition apparently did not worry her. The question today is will the policy of the Chinese Communists be the same?

China today has considerably more international obligations than the Tsarist Government had in 1917. This is the difficulty which may compel other nations to withhold recognition until the new Chinese republic is prepared to shoulder those obligations.

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The taking of Amoy by the People's Liberation Army now exposes Taiwan to attack from the China mainland. The People's Republic of China has expressed its determination to liberate the whole of China - including Taiwan - from Nationalist control.

Following on the heels of the rapid disintegration of the Nationalist regime, certain sections of the American Press have advocated that Taiwan should be placed under international trusteeship.

The reason put forward is that the peace treaty with Japan has not yet been signed and that technically Taiwan is still enemy territory.

Taiwan is an important island stronghold in the West Pacific. With the Communists in complete control of the China mainland it can be used as a strategic base for holding and preventing the Communists from further Eastward expansion.

However, as stated, the island is Chinese territory, and no matter what threatens it or who threatens it its fate is for the Chinese to decide.

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Europe's Iron Curtain - the mythical barrier between Russia, her satellite states and the West - shows signs of becoming a reality.

On the frontier between Hungary and Stalin's rebel satellite, Yugoslavia, correspondent Ritchie McEwen reports that the Hungarian Government is erecting one of the biggest barbed wire barricades seen in Europe since the war.

Discovering that temporary barriers erected on the Hungary-Yugoslav frontier during the Rajk trials were torn down by Yugoslav frontier troops right after night, the Hungarians have now decided to put up a veritable wall of barbed wire which they claim will be impenetrable.

Nor is this attempt to make the Iron Curtain really worthy of its name any dream of the future. Already, spurred on by the "confessions" of Rajk and his alleged fellow conspirators, the Hungarian authorities have sent out an SOS to scores of firms instructing them to buy up all available barbed wire, regardless of quality or price.

Speed, apparently, is essential and the instructions add that no time must be lost in shipping the barbed wire to the Hungarian frontier to help Hungary protect herself from "the Traitor of the People's Democracy," her one-time ally, Yugoslavia.

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Manstein Loses Temper

Hamburg, October 28.
Angry and impatient under the cross-examination of Sir Arthur Comyns Carr, the Chief Prosecutor, Field Marshal Erich von Manstein broke into shouting denials today in the Court trying him for war crimes.

Taking the witness stand in his own defence for the sixth day, von Manstein showed anger when repeatedly asked for his opinion of a draft order on fighting Russian partisans.

"This order was never issued and I never saw it," he snapped. Sir Arthur kept on reading the draft until he came to the sentence "The population is to be more numerous than the men of the partisans."

The Field Marshal broke into a shout: "This circular never went out and to bring it up is completely superfluous."

The Prosecutor spoke of the "monstrous crime" at Simferopol in the Crimea, where 50 men were shot because of a mined house, which had not been reported by the population. The house blew up and killed a German.

Von Manstein said that he thought the execution of 50 men in reprisal was "too high."

Sir Arthur challenged him to say how many men he would have "murdered" if he had been the officer on the spot.

Repeatedly asked this question, von Manstein refused to be drawn. "I do not know," he answered once. "It depends on the circumstances. I do not know that I should have shot any. Besides, it is not a question of murder but of reprisals owing to the danger to which our troops were exposed."

—Reuter.

Iraqis Detain 40 Jews

Baghdad, October 29.
An Iraq Government spokesman said today that 40 Jews had been detained in Iraq on a charge of threatening peace and security after an assault on the Chief Rabbi, Sasson Khedouri.

The spokesman dismissed Israel's allegation that the Iraq Government was persecuting and torturing Jews as propaganda.

He said that a number of Jews had attacked and injured the Rabbi and damaged the synagogue.

The police had been compelled to detain the organisers to protect the Rabbi's life, he added.

Jewish doctors who had visited the detained people had said that "all enjoy excellent health," the spokesman stated.—Reuter.

BRITAIN STILL SNUBS FRANCO

London, October 29.
The official decision not to permit British warships to visit Spanish ports is seen in diplomatic quarters here today as an indication that Britain is still opposed to any move to bring Spain into the Atlantic defence arrangements.

An Admiralty statement yesterday, made in reply to a Parliamentary question, reported that for the present such visits would be inappropriate.—Reuter.

British & American Income & Expenditure

	United Kingdom (£ millions)	% of national income	United States (£ millions)*	% of national income
National Income	10,620		31,300	
Total Tax Revenue	4,300	40.5	14,600	23.8
Government Expenditure	3,860	36.4	12,580†	20.5†
of which				
(a) defence	750	7.1	2,790	4.4
(b) debt service	580	5.4	1,440	2.4
(c) foreign aid	60	0.6	1,910	3.1
(d) general administration	720	6.8	2,140	3.5
(e) war pensions	100	1.0	1,790	2.9
(f) food subsidies	470	4.4	100	0.2
(g) social services	1,180	11.1	2,500†	4.0†

* Converted from dollars at the pre-devaluation rate of \$4.03 to the pound.
† Approximate.

UN DEBATE ON THE BACKWARD COUNTRIES

Lake Success, October 28.
Representatives of under-developed countries insisted again today that measures to be adopted by the General Assembly regarding the question of full employment take specifically into account problems of the so-called backward areas.

They continued insistence on the subject as the Assembly's Economic and Financial Committee continued the general debate on full employment in the world.

Argentina's Juan Scarpati stressed that the economies of the under-developed countries are strictly dependent on trends taking place in industrialised nations and urged the latter to adopt measures aiming at stabilisation of their economic structures.

He said, "This would be a purely internal matter if it were not for economic and commercial inter-dependence among all countries in the world."

The delegates of India, Pakistan and the Philippines voiced similar opinions emphasising the need for special consideration of the problems of under-developed countries in any international measures designed to fight unemployment that might be recommended by the Assembly.

No Amnesty For Greek Guerillas

Athens, October 28.
The Greek Government is not considering a general amnesty for guerillas, an authoritative spokesman said here today.

The Government has no knowledge of a scheme suggesting confinement on a Greek island, under United Nations supervision, of all rebels now in neighbouring countries wishing to return to Greece, he added.

Greece considers that the Communists, despite their threats, would not be able to renew their "aggression."

The Allies are not "overrating the improvement of the situation" as had been suggested at Lake Success.

Commenting on Britain's reported intention to withdraw her forces from Greece, the spokesman said that the British Government of any such decision.

"Anyway," he added, "we know that Allied interest in this area of South East Europe remains undiminished."

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons recently that he hoped to make a statement regarding British troops in Greece "at an early date".—Reuter.

Urgent Matter

All speakers supported the Australian draft resolution urging the governments to give urgent attention to problems of unemployment while opposing Czechoslovakia's proposal which sets down a list of specific measures that the countries should adopt in connection with the problem of unemployment.

The Czech draft calls for social security and unemployment insurance provisions but also demands control of transactions and profits of monopolies as well as a general increase in the wages of workers.

The delegates felt that the Czech resolution went far beyond the realm of any possible international action, but Pedro Abelardo of the Philippines said that certain provisions included

ANALYSIS OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN TAXES

The October issue of the Review published by the National City Bank of New York contains a searching analysis of the immediate effects of devaluation on conditions in Great Britain and the United States.

It concluded with a table, which compares national income and Government revenue and expenditure in both countries. A condensed version of this table appears in the adjacent columns.

The figures relate to the year 1948, but it is not clear if this means the calendar or the financial year.

The table includes central and municipal revenue and expenditure in England and Federal, State and Local Government revenue and expenditure in the United States. Tax revenue includes insurance contributions in both countries. Social services include education.

Great Britain has a population of about 50,000,000, while the United States population is 146,000,000 or nearly three times as great. But the table shows that the American national income is six times as great as our own. In other words, while our national income is only £212 a head, in America it is £417 a head, or nearly twice as much. This two-to-one disparity lies at the bottom of many of our difficulties.

Next, we pay in rates, taxes and insurance contributions 40.5 per cent. of our national income. Traditional Government expenditure, embracing defence, debt service, general administration aid, absorbs 19.9 per cent. of our national income. The social services, including war pensions and food subsidies, take 16.5 per cent.

In the United States the tax burden is only 23.8 per cent. of the national income. Traditional Government expenditure takes 20.5 per cent. but it may come as news to many people in Europe that foreign aid (mainly Marshall Aid) absorbs as much as 3.1 per cent. of America's national income. The social services take only 7.1 per cent, in contrast to our 16.5 per cent.

The two main lessons of this table are that, in comparison with the United States, our national income is too small and our tax burden is too great. The National City Bank quotes Mr. Colin Clark's thesis "that when taxes exceed 25 per cent. of the national income it becomes impossible to resist inflationary pressures. One of Mr. Clark's reasons is that "the incentive to real effort is greatly weakened on the part of all classes."

Danger Point

Judged by this test, the American level of taxation is not far below the danger-point. Our own burden is well above it. Yet all the indications are that our Government is contemplating additional taxation, partly to counteract inflation and partly to place its own supporters.

Seaman said that the British Government might an engine-driver sit on the safety-valve, to prevent the escaping clouds of steam from annoying the neighbours.

If we could double our national income, so as to bring it up to the American figure of £417 a head, we could take our present Budget in our stride. One word of warning, however, is needed: uncontrolled inflation could easily bring our national income up to the American level, in terms of money alone. This would be disastrous. What is needed is the doubling of our national income in terms of goods produced and services rendered.

This can only be a distant goal. But there is no reason why we should not begin to move towards it, instead of going away from it. The trouble so far has been that whenever we have had a gap, whether in our expenditure and revenue at home, or in our hard currency payments and receipts overseas, the Government has sought a cure through restriction instead of through expansion. We are now in such a plight that temporary measures of restriction are inevitable.

Two Objects

Yet those restrictions should be framed with two objects in view. First, they should aim directly at closing the dollar gap, and should have no ulterior motive, such as the creation of equalitarianism or the placation of any particular section of the community.

Next, they should be of such a kind to foster initiative on all sides, instead of damping it down.

The nation is producing too little, and it is being taxed too much. That is the meaning of this comparison with the United States. But one reason why it is producing too little is that it is being taxed too much. We may not have the natural resources of the United States within the boundaries of Great Britain, but we have most of them within the Empire. Therefore, there is no reason why we should not aim at doubling our national income, and there is every reason why we should make a start in that direction.

Princess To Visit Malta

London, October 28.
Princess Elizabeth is to fly to Malta to join Prince Philip, her Navy Lieutenant husband, on November 20, the second anniversary of their marriage.

An announcement from Clarence House, the Princess' London residence, said tonight that Princess Elizabeth will be the guest of Philip's uncle and aunt, the Earl and Countess Mountbatten, at their villa in Malta.

Princess Elizabeth will be accompanied by her lady in waiting but she is leaving Prince Charles, her year old son, behind.

She expects to return to London before Christmas, the announcement said.

Princess Philip returned to duty in the Navy on October 15 as First Lieutenant on board the destroyer Chequers, based at Malta.

Earl Mountbatten commands a Royal Navy cruiser squadron, also based on Malta.—Associated Press.

REDS ATTACK U.S. DIPLOMATS

London, October 28.
Moscow Radio charged today that United States diplomats in Eastern Europe were attempting to undermine "democratic regimes" by carrying out "secret plots, assassinations and diversions".

The conference of U.S. diplomats stationed in Eastern Europe, held earlier this week in London, was for the purpose of planning "new anti-Soviet intrigues, new dishonest machinations and secret plots against the Soviet Union and countries of the people's democracy," according to the Moscow commentator, Natalia Sergeyeva.

"But there is not the slightest doubt," she added, "that Washington politicians can expect in future only the most disgraceful failures."—United Press.

'NO REPETITION OF MUNICH'

Berlin, October 29.
Dr. Wilhelm Pieck, the President of the East German Government, today assured M. Klement Gottwald, the President of Czechoslovakia, that there would be no repetition of "the crime of Munich" in a congratulatory message for Czechoslovak independence day.

Dr. Pieck welcomed the decision to renew diplomatic relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

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RED CROSS ASKED TO WITHDRAW

Geneva, October 28.
The Polish Government has asked the International Red Cross to withdraw its mission from Poland, a Red Cross spokesman said today.

At the same time, the Polish Government informed the International Committee of the Red Cross that it had addressed the same request to other international welfare organisations, the spokesman added.

Reliable sources said the Polish Government is also bringing pressure to close down the offices of CARE and the foster parents plan for war children. The International Refugee Organisation closed its Warsaw office earlier this month at the demand of the Polish Foreign Office.

A Red Cross spokesman said the International Committee had obtained the consent of the Polish Government to study the question further and that the mission was still operating there a fortnight after the request for its withdrawal was made.

He added that the Government informed the Committee that it had nothing against the two Swiss citizens who made up the mission but that the reasons for the request were of a general character.—United Press.

AUSTER MISSING

Singapore, October 29.
Royal Air Force planes searched for 12 hours today without success for an Auster Army observation plane which disappeared in central Malaya yesterday on a flight from Mentakab, Pahang, over 50 miles of rugged country to Kuala Lumpur.—Reuter.

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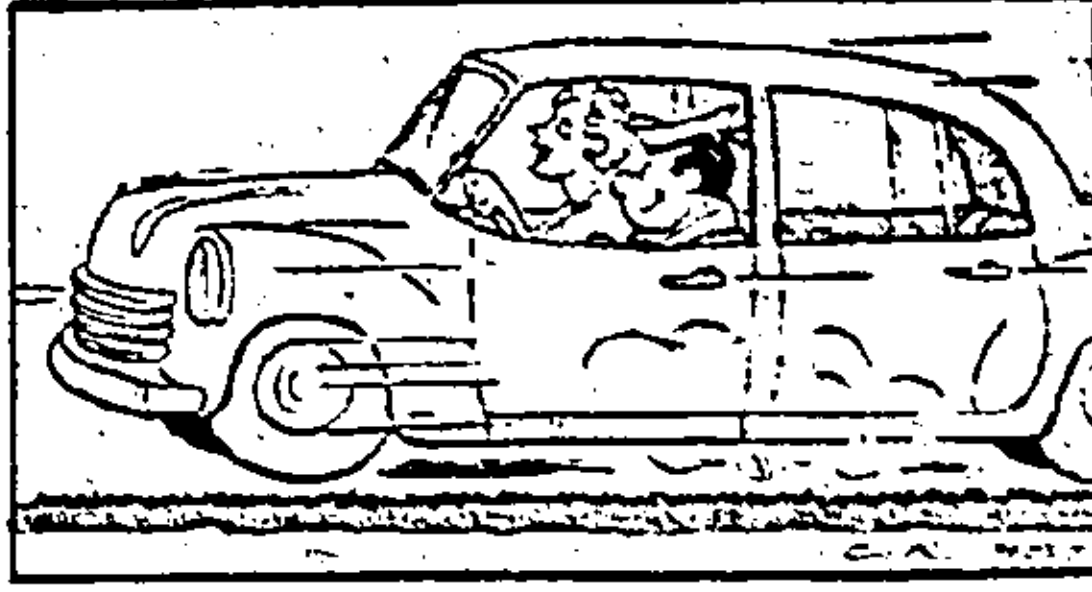
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Alarms And Excursions

In saying that the Prime Minister had been "prompt" in making public his decision not to go to the country this year, Socialist spokesmen were probably not as you or I might suppose, speaking with tongues in cheek.

A mere month of vacillation before making up one's mind must be counted, by Socialist standards, as almost snap action. After all, two months have elapsed since his decision to devalue the pound was reached, without any announcement being made of those "consequential measures" which were immediately required in order usefully to exploit that decision.

Critical Months

To dispel the uncertainty about the election date is not to dispel the uncertainty about the authority of the administration to govern in the critical months ahead. This is the view even of many Socialists, not all of whom by any means are happy about their leader's action.

The Beaverbrook Tribune for instance makes no bones about it. "Externally," it says, "the world must have confidence in the British administration. . . . The only thing that can give that confidence at home and abroad is an early election."

There is no doubt that, such an analysis is, despite its source, a correct one, and it is rather surprising to hear that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, is well informed of world opinion, has not concurred in it.

As for Mr. Bevin he clearly did some injury to his cause by his over-ambitious attempt in public speeches to force the Prime Minister's hand, a tactics that always has been unconvincing.

Also the rapid spurt in the Minister of Health's lead over his colleagues in recent popularity polls must have further encouraged the man, and especially Mr. Morrison, to resist his advice.

It will be interesting to see whether the Lord President's known support for a later election date will prove next year to be a confirmation of Mr. Bevin's earlier estimate of the "third-rate" abilities of this "famous" boss. Incurably Micawberish to the end, Mr. Attlee is evidently relying on being able to maintain something like the present degree of financial equilibrium next spring, which, due to increased and inflationary demands from the easy sterling markets, he may well contrive to do.

Twice The Forecast

Neither is the cost of living likely by that time to have risen by more than twice as much as Sir Stafford's forecast, a margin of error which the electorate have by now learned to expect and to accept without much apparent disquiet from Socialist Ministers.

But all this gives very modest ground for optimism and, even with the completion of the 1945 programme and the passage of the Parliament and Steel Bills, will surely not add much to the

cheerfulness of Labour's jubilee celebrations in February.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Party's publicists do not seem to be able to agree about the Tory reaction to the Prime Minister's announcement. The "Daily Herald" says they are disappointed, and are inevitably expected to have heard at the receipt of the news a grasp of disappointment from its opponents massed at Paris Court.

Lucky Reprieve

They were certainly never "squealing" at the prospect of an early election as the "Tribune" claims. But it is quite true that only on the broadest patriotic grounds do Tories now view the postponement with any dismay.

At the party level (and it is mostly party matters that politicians at such a time are inevitably if regretfully concerned) they clearly feel that they have secured a lucky reprieve. The most optimistic serious estimate at present available of more than 70 seats in the event of the election being held immediately and such a figure surely reflects oversanguine hopes.

The conference at the Empress Hotel, which confirmed the view that the Conservative Party has not yet screwed its courage to the sticking point and needs further time to get on to a Road that is Right for Britain now and not just right in theory for some untroubled period of history not at present foreseeable.

Mr. Butler and his Brains-Trusts must heed in time the "Road Up" signs across their good-intention-paved path and prepare an emergency police.

Mr. Churchill gave his reasons for observing caution in announcing to definite a programme, and they were not wholly unconvincing. But many felt that both he and Mr. Eden were disappointingly reluctant to tackle some of the graver issues, and Mr. Butler has a powerful points, their performances certainly fell far short in statesmanship of their speeches at Lansdowne last year.

Neglected Problems

More dynamic roles than most in the conference were played by Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Sandys, and Mr. Boothby.

These men spoke of such neglected problems as that of Germany and of Russian expansion which are threats to this country as urgent and as real as all the domestic follies of the Socialist Party.

They did not arouse the enthusiastic applause which greeted the eloquent but not very meaningful Imperialist slogans of Mr. Anthony Nutting, but they struck a note of really constructive statesmanship which will have to be struck again and again up and down the country if isolationism is not to infect the Tories as much as it has already the Socialists.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, too, did his best to direct his fellow-Tories away from foolish flag-

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

I'm not so slim as paperwhite. As paper-white narcissus. But now my clothes are not so tight.

I feel delicious! Oh, what a beautiful morning! So many of you have lost inches, and in the right places too. I knew that the diet with exercise I told you about would work; but I couldn't tell how many of the hundreds of readers who wrote in a "before" letter would ever carry it out.

You recall there is a prize of a guinea for the best "before and after" card you send me, telling of how you have disposed of your surplus self and acquired a better distribution.

Now the four weeks are up, and the prizewinner will be announced at the end of this week. Meanwhile, from those already received the first in was from Mrs. Smee of Hove, Sussex. She says: "I am delighted with the result of your course. I find I am 7lb. less in weight. Bust measures the same, hips from 43 to 39, waist from 35 to 32. The improvement in health and vitality is the biggest prize I could have. So if I have any chance of one (a prize) I should be pleased to pass it on to the next."

A guinea to Mrs. Smee for being the first, and readers might like to know that she adds: "I am over 60." Encouraging, eh?

What about you, Mrs. Skene, of Burgess Hill, Sussex? (You sent such a funny single-line drawing!) And Mrs. Taylor, of Marston Green, Birmingham—don't tell me you fell by the way?

Also a good many of you have written rather sternly demanding: "What about you, Miss Ashley? How about this strength of mind you mention. . . did you ever have a go at dieting yourself?"

Oh! We—ell, it was like this. When I was studying all about diets and beauty culture, I

After two drinks I was convinced that starvation "stared" me in the face. Later, over the dinner table, I caught my husband looking at me, and on his face was an expression of gloom.

Then I realised I had downed soup, roll and butter, fried potatoes, creamed sauce, and was in the process of destroying appetite with ice-cream.

I had had it. "Laugh and the world laughs with you; diet and you diet alone," ought to be the quotation. Tell your family you are on a diet, and they seem to take a morbid delight in luring you in the way you long to go.

"Where were we?" Oh yes, six days and wallop. I figured that evening had set me back both



"I don't want to drag him away from his harp lesson—just ask him where he put the will!"

couldn't help noticing that most of the students were sadly in need of the information! Me, too, I decided gloomily.

I wasn't a fat girl (who is?), but the idea of dropping 10lb. held its magic. I did it too, but it wasn't as easy as that, dear me, no.

It was one Sunday morning when I decided to start in. I was doing some of the less dignified exercises when my tired husband opened one eye.

"For Pete's sake! What now?" he said.

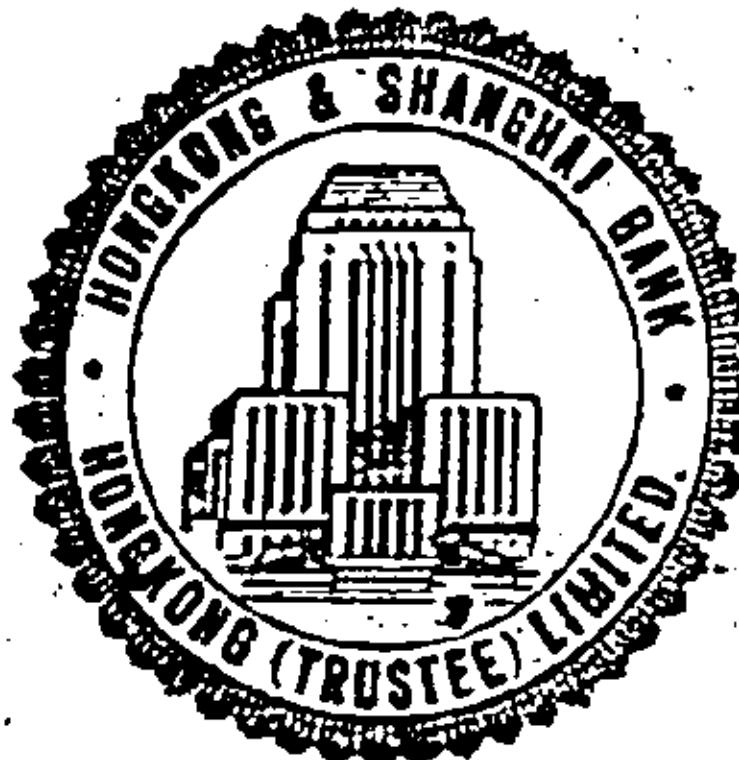
"I am going to look like Betty Grable," I whispered in the breathing spaces. He simply closed the eye and said no more.

It was all right for the first two days; then I found myself sneaking into the kitchen at night just to see if the gas taps were turned off.

They were. Then I had to drink water, because you know you can smell when a person has been eating biscuits. I felt like the worst kind of junior classmate deceiver, but hell, I was hungry!

The part about "no alcohol" came rather late in the course. Almost too late for me. It was when I was six days hungry and still far from lean that we went to a party.

The bit about "cocktails whetting the appetite and lifting the inhibitions" is a gem of truth.



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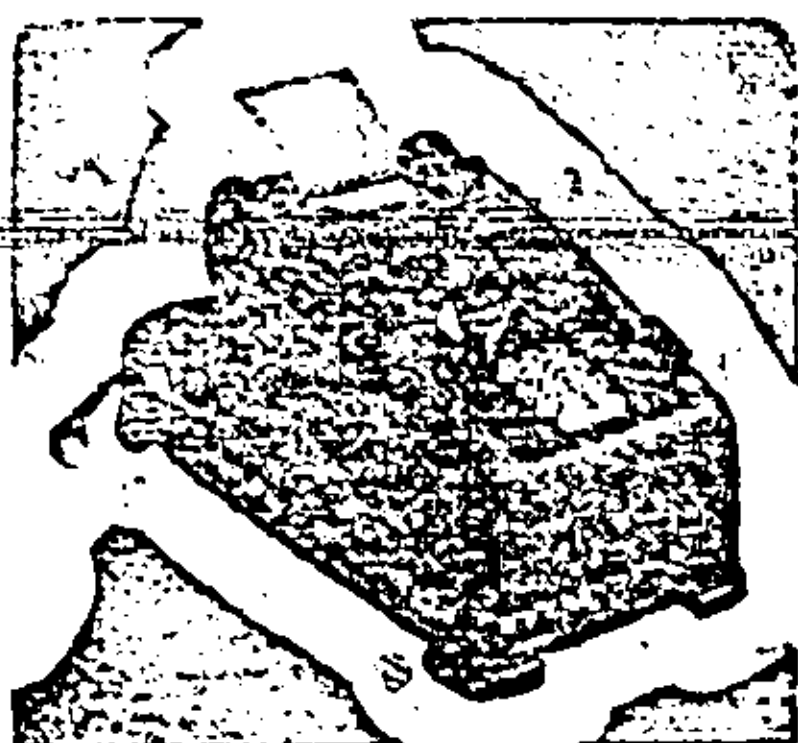
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LAMBS FOR THE SLAUGHTER

Tokyo's Incredible University

By RICHARD HUGHES

Probably the toughest University in the world is Koryo. Tokyo's famed "University of the Red Tomb."

With a proud record of academic success in the training of Japanese businessmen over half a century, the University has refused to resuscitate itself to Western conventions or Edo-period ideals in its commercial and training curriculum.

Any day of the week, the young students dishevelled and unshaven, may be seen smashing their bare knuckles against the trunk of the gnarled pine in the quadrangle or breaking two or three roof-tiles with a shrewd blow with the side of the open hand.

This is the gentle Japanese art of "Karate"—the science of fighting and killing with bare hands. By tradition, Koryo University, which was founded by Prince Katsura in 1899, sets great store on this physical adroitness as an essential attribute of every University trained businessman.

A Koryo graduate in "karate" must apply himself diligently and painfully to a long course of hand-toughening exercises. Starting off by punching rubber posts and fence rails muffled in rope, he gradually works up to crushing the bark of trees with his bare knuckles, breaking doors, splitting tables and cracking one or two roof-tiles with the side of his hand.

Playful Slap

At this stage, he is competent to split the skull of a fellow-student with a playful slap, although the faculty does not now welcome such ebullience as, under the Occupation, a claim for

damages by the parent of a deceased student might be upheld against the university authorities! In the formative period of his education, the inexperienced student will take the skin of his knuckles and may even break a bone or two in his hand, but if he is a good Koryo boy he will eventually toughen up and secure his degree in business and commercial principles.

Most of the simple furniture in the classrooms and dormitories of Koryo University has been splintered or broken by trials of strength between the undergraduates, who are allowed to drink as much as they like on the University premises, provided they pay for the liquor, most reasonable bills for damages and do not come drunk into the classroom.

A skilled "karate" student is likely to drive his fist through the table after his simple meal of rice, raw fish and seaweed in the University dining-room and laughingly instruct the staff to charge the cost of repairs to his mess bill.

The motto of the University is, "Simplicity, Fortitude and Manliness." This is often translated more freely into idiomatic legends which have been scribbled on the bare walls of the dormitories and under Koryo tradition, allowed to remain there.

Two celebrated academic variations read: "If we see people, we will kill them" and "If we see cats and dogs, we will eat them." Koryo students have made a cult of untidiness as well as of toughness. Their peaked caps are usually crumpled and broken

Private Lives No. 5 — Jean Simmons

A STAR BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

In her cramped suburban bedroom, on a wooden, school-girl bed with a floral chintz faded brown carpet on which she spilt her nursery milk 10 years ago, Jean Simmons sleeps tonight between two worlds.

She is 20. Across London a white luxury flat is being prepared for her with Paula Lawrence decor. An ornate pale-green £3,000 sports car waits in the showrooms. Her school bike rusts in its backyard. At the J. Arthur Rank offices a priceless green and gold bronze trophy—Venice award for Jean's performance as Ophelia in Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet"—is being engraved with her name. A bespectacled accountant struts with the inland Revenue and its four Cabinet Ministers. Soon she will move into the West End. Golders Green will fade. Meanwhile, she polishes like a butterfly with birth-moist wings, in the little semi-detached suburban maisonette where only yesterday her wildest, proudest dream was that she might be a dancing instructor at her elder sister's proposed school of ballet, tap and ballroom tuition.

The Girl On the Bus

Jean has developed since Estelle in "Great Expectations" of 1946, and the doe-eyed girl harpist of

and their black old-style kimonos soiled and torn. They always wear clattering wooden geta (or clogs) instead of leather shoes. Before the war, they carried wooden swords with which they delighted to belabour students from other and more effeminate universities.

Two Languages

In the classroom, the students must master at least two foreign languages (one of which must be English), as well as the standard course in business methods, industrial technique and trading principles. Classes in formal studies begin at nine and end at four with half-an-hour for lunch. Exercises in "karate" begin at dawn and continue far into the night.

There are 3,000 students at the University (which has a teaching and administrative staff of 200) and all of them hope eventually to go abroad as earnest business representatives of the new democratic Japan.

The overwhelming majority of Japan's commercial representatives in foreign countries before the war were products of Koryo. "We are very proud of our record," said the president of the faculty, Dr. Torajiro Takagaki, who can still easily break a bamboo pole, four inches in diameter, with one swipe of the side of his bare hand.

"Many of our graduates went to North China and Manchukuo in the thirties and helped greatly to develop trade between China and Japan. Unhappily the war interrupted their work. "Several thousands of these old boys were taken prisoner by the Russians and some have not yet been repatriated from Siberia. No doubt they taught something of the principles of "karate" to the Soviets.

"We expect that, as usual, Koryo University will provide most of the specialised business representatives to be sent abroad by Japan to boost the post-war trade revivals."

Dr. Takagaki added gloomily that he feared Koryo University would be compelled to celebrate its 50th anniversary this October by raising its fees. The annual fee is now 6,500 yen (nominally £4/10/-), compared with 3,000 yen at Kori University and 2,500 yen at Waseda University.

And, Dr. Takagaki pointed out, neither Keio nor Waseda teach "Karate."

"Caesar and Cleopatra" the previous year. Her own favourite film, Rattigan's "The Way to the Stars," is now almost forgotten, but "Hamlet" (and her coveted role of Ophelia) is still winning awards in its second year.

Her life has not yet caught up with her fame. She might be the girl in front of you on the Golders Green bus. If she is happily companioned, she will be

Thre, very decisively, she makes her morning's apparently most important decision, having previously cooed in childlike timbre: "Please—that contract, I—I don't think I should sign it without that other whatsinaname clause." And, "Please be a big dear and arrange my travelling-shaques and passport things—I get so confused."

Lunch in a Greek restaurant in Duke-street, near where her new flat will be. She shudders at black olives. She orders strawberries, laughs, and plunges one straight into the sugar-bowl, leaving a wet red dimple. "That's naughty, isn't it?" But she does it again.

She eats healthily. Two lamb chops, pilaf, potatoes, white wine. "I like hock," she says, with a twinkling smile. Jimmy (Stewart Granger) taught me how to appreciate wines."

She still plays tennis with former school friends in Cricklewood. But less often these days.

So her chief friend now is plump, sensitive, silent Irene Williams, who started as her dresser and needswoman at the studios, soon became her companion, protector.

Irene is 20. She is gentle, patient, has adopted the same plain haircut as Jean—like a Marx brothers wig made marvellously discreet and undeniably attractive. "You only have to shake it when you wake up—and there you are!" Jean and Irene explain this simultaneously, then giggle, soprano and contralto.

They are going to live together in the new West End flat when it is ready. "I can cook," says Irene firmly. "So can I," says Jean, a bit uncertainly. It's obvious who will do the cooking.

Jean will move her clothes, her lovely emerald coat, her few books and two elephant book-ends. Books she will take with her include "The Jungle Book," "How to Understand Horses," "The Modern Theatre." Behind in Golders Green will be left "Adventure Book for Girls," "Century of Love Stories," and "The Trials of Topsy."

In the afternoons her secretary, Peggy (who used to be secretary to Mr. Rank himself), arrives. She is slender, coolly immaculate in blue, with white feathered beanie hat and a vast stack of correspondence.

She and Jean sit side by side on the suburban sofa like school-girls having fun with a film star album.

"Mm... how d'you like my new notepaper?" sings Jean, waving an opulent green sheet. "Shall I do my autograph signature or my bank signature? Who—Mr. La Boozle?"—she chuckles—"the people I have to write to. Oh, Christmas!"

Among the mail is a Maidenhead police summons for failing to obey a halt sign. Jean dictates: "I wish to plead guilty, and if you would like my licence I will send it." Then, a little shake of wrist, "I'm a criminal!" "Where's my cheque-book?" Irene plods upstairs to find it, while Peggy produces more letters and Jean signs them. Peggy's well-groomed head slants sedately, her sapphire and diamond earrings glitter. Jean frowns and leans down on the sofa without mascara or lipstick. Her neck ochre with faded sunburn.

Her 'Match Box' Diary
The telephone, "Jean... it's Elizabeth Haffenden. She says you had an appointment at 3-15 to

Proud Of Her New Car

Then, as if embarrassed for slipping momentarily out of character, she kneels on the rug with a handful of peanuts, calling her dog. "Heidi, Heidi!" The part-spaniel mongrel bitch opens a drowsy eye, blinks at it again.

"Noctua, Heidi!" Heidi sees the smartest thing is to accept. It munches a peanut boredly—then flops back to sleep. Jean jumps up triumphantly. "You want to see some photos of my new car, it's a Bristol—you've never seen it?" She is getting one and Stewart Granger is getting one. They will call them "Adam" and "Evelynne." Jean's is to have licence number JMS—her full initials. The M is for Marilyn. While one is digesting her new car, Jean's is to be secretary Peggy. "Have I paid my rent? Oh, bills—bills—bills—Oh, Christmas!"

Her West End washing flutters in the Golders Green backyard. On the kitchen table two soiled blue lining cloth and a packet of 10d-a-quarter tea. Her costly French perfume waits subtly through the maisonette.

She's Tomorrow's Biggest Star

The correspondence done, Jean stands pinning her white handbag in white-gloved hand, head on one side. She eases a foot into hand-sewn, four-guinea shoes. "they give me a special price because I'm me!" while a student limousine draws up outside to take her to another Grosvenor-street gown-fitting.

And Jean—who takes off her shoes at parties, wins Venice awards and is to-day British's most certain bet for the greatest lady of tomorrow's screen—whirls off for another day in her new world—beyond Golders Green... to wrinkle a critical nose at her own face on the West End billboards... to make it all seem so simple, trite, childlike, inevitable and comical behind the wide candour of her daffodil eyes a depth of untutored wisdom that might be terrifying, were it not so delectably contained.

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Journey To Yugoslavia No. 4 Collective Farm

By ERIC BOURNE

Collectivisation of the land in Yugoslavia is being pressed ahead as an intensive co-operative "grow more food" campaign, whose victory is vital to the success of the country's industrialisation effort and the survival of Tito and his regime.

This new drive to socialise the land—now more advanced than in any other of the East European countries—was foreshadowed by Tito himself nearly two months ago when he said that the increasing number of men and women going into industry had got to be fed and that agriculture had also to play its part in the country's export trade.

Intensive propaganda is at work, combined with the Marshal's promise that more help from the state will be forthcoming to tempt these study individuals and farmer into one of the four forms of working co-operatives which are said now to embrace more than 20 per cent of all the agricultural land in the country.

Official reports say there are this summer about 4,000 co-operatives, three times as many as last year. Tito claimed that "for the most part" the call to join them is being answered.

In Macedonia, upon which now—as the most important frontier republic—much attention and favour is being showered, 50 per cent of the land is said to be within the two "higher" and more socialist forms of co-operative. Experienced observers report successes in the mountain area of the Albanian frontier.

Stubbornly Resisting

But elsewhere many of the peasants are still stubbornly resisting the drive, or at least showing apathy towards all the bait held out to induce them to put into the common pool their family lands or the few hectares with which their traditional "land hunger" was satisfied after the war.

The emphasis is all on "persuasion" and officials disclaim the use of pressure. But the co-operatives and their members get all sorts of priorities in implements, seeds and supplies and credits. And those who she their hostility or merely stay out find themselves subjected to higher taxation and burdened with state quota demands which their lands cannot fulfil, leaving them with only two alternatives—to get inside the co-op or quit.

I was shown round one of the "higher" forms of co-operative the other day. It was a collective, pure and simple, unlike the two "lower" forms which are run on the "capitalist" lines of the farming co-operatives known in England.

It was obviously singled out for my visit as a "show" place of its type but even so its development and its members' unmistakable pride in their handiwork are worthy of a place in the record of Tito's Yugoslavia.

This collective, spread now over 1700 acres or 35 per cent of the agricultural land around the big village of Irig, in the Srem district North of Belgrade, was established in 1946 by a group of partisan peasants. Today its fields are tilled by 400 peasants and it supports 113 households.

It raises cattle (which keep a local food factory and the hospital in milk, wheat, maize, fruit and vegetables, and possesses vineyards, 1,500 sheep (for wool) and 300 pigs.

The collective is owned by its members who appear to have a considerable say in the way it is run. Its main effort is directed of course within the national plan for agriculture but on collective itself, the chairman, 33 years old Lazar Subotic asserted, "I am not a slave to the plan."

These, he said, are voted upon at a yearly meeting at which everyone over 16 may vote, while day to day work is determined by the chairman and the heads of the various brigades.

This broad democracy extends to the method of payment, which—in cash and kind—is based on a fixed working day norm, worked out on the basis of the previous year's experience. These norms are set high but not beyond the results of reasonably and energetic workers.

Challenge The Record

The daily results, showing whether the norm has been reached or exceeded, are posted up, and if a worker is not satisfied he or she may at once challenge the record with the collective committee.

The atmosphere of the farm generally was good. The buildings were in good condition and well-kept and the machinery and tools were well looked after.

The chairman, a paid labourer before the war, returned home from a German prison camp and persuaded his peasant neighbours to farm their lands together. A state loan against their first harvest helped them buy additional animals, tools and seed and to erect new buildings.

The chairman gave an impression of knowing his job and seemed to have the confidence of the people we saw at work as we went around. They listened attentively and sometimes prompted or corrected him as he explained what was being done.

He told us the farm had 20 ploughs, but only seven of them of postwar make. The men showed their pleasure when I said they would probably get some ploughs and other machinery under the new trade agreement with Britain. "English ploughs are the best," one of them said.

Their crying need, the chairman said, was more machinery. They had only three tractors, with five drivers and self-taught tractor mechanics. The rest of the heavy work is done by 40 horses and 20 pairs of oxen.

Each "investor" when he joins the collective must put in all his land except for a hectare (2½ acres) for his family's needs. He must put in all his working animals but may keep a few cows, pigs and chicken on condition he is able to feed them himself. The collective buys all his implements.

Whether a member contributes 20 hectares or one his wages are determined on the same norm.

For example, an old man simply tending the chickens in the yard is credited with half a work-day for eight hours work, a good field-worker with one to 1½



AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Standing in the spotlight as one of the most inviting and one of the most vulnerable countries in the world, Australia faces a serious problem. Despite the United Nations and other organisations nobody seems to have any idea how to prevent war and we are now confronted with a situation incomparably worse than after the first world war. The fact that the nations for the past three years have more or less been standing to arms because of Russia carries no weight with the Minister for Defence who refuses to reckon with the possibility of Australia having to defend herself within the next five years. This attitude is hard to reconcile with the Cabinet's decision when rationing stopped to compel oil companies to reserve 50 million gallons of petrol for defence purposes with the broad hint given by the Chief of the General Staff that we had best get used to the fact that some of us will be involved in another war.

The utmost mental confusion among Cabinet ministers was revealed in the debate in the House on defence and some well-earned brickbats were hurled by the Opposition at the policy which is responsible for the sorry lag in our defence preparations. Events in China were pointed out as a reminder that campaigns are still being fought and decided by man-power and that Australia cannot again afford to ignore the warning signs as she did before the last war. Through Russia is seeking to dominate the world by Soviet Communism, top soldiers think that if she judges conditions suitable she is likely to go to war, and the fact that she lost 7,000,000 people last time won't make her any less a menace. Russia's main stock-in-trade they point out is manpower and she has demonstrated that life at the lower levels is expendable. The development of the A-bomb which seems to

work-days, a vineyard worker with 1½ to 2½, and the best tractor-ploughman with as much as 2½ work-days for the 8 hours spell. Good intensive work does appear to get its reward.

Good Reputation

Thirty years old Antas Pap, before the war an ordinary labourer, brought eight acres of land to the collective and a good reputation as a cattle-breeder.

According to the office records, last year he received in kind from the collective's surplus about 4 tons of maize, 1½ tons of wheat and a ton of potatoes for himself and his family—four persons in all—300 pounds of beans, various other vegetables and four pounds of honey and 37,000 dinars. (£185 before the British devaluation) for himself and his wife, who is a fieldworker.

He killed two pigs which gave the family about 600 pounds of meat for the year; the co-operative shop clothed them all at cut prices.

This, the chairman said, was above the average but it showed what a good farm worker could achieve.

He explained also that the collective no longer needed any state loans. Their wheat quota this year was down "because we were unlucky with the weather and raised only 120 tons" but they were making up for that by giving extra potatoes, barley, fodder and about 250 tons of fruit.

Tito is asking a lot from the peasants. Whether he gets it depends on his ability to ease their back-breaking toil with more machinery and to ensure the better prices he himself told them their labour merited but so far had not received.

obscure the mind of our Defence Minister has been, called false and dangerous reasoning for allowing the army and navy to fall below strength and the R.A.A.F. to virtually cease to exist as a fighting force. Men who see the peril of our position are hammering at the Government that the need for trained forces is just as great under the threat of push-button warfare as under the threat of gas in the last war, and though we must prepare for atom bombs in the next as we prepared for gas in the last, they also may not be used. From the heat of the debate on the defence budget, both the Government and the Opposition members have indicated that it will be a big election issue. The Government being committed to the system and the Opposition to compulsory military service.

Petrol Issue

The one outstanding move made by the Government for defence measures has been the freeing of petrol stocks, but since the oil companies have not been granted an import permit over and above this to supply civilian requirements, the action has precipitated a crisis in industry and essential services. It is certainly ironical to have the Defence Minister pool-pooling the dangers of war and emphasising that industry is a greater factor for defence than a standing army while at the same time his fellow ministers cripple industry by refusing its vital life force of petrol on the grounds that this is required for defence.

Equally remarkable is the refusal of the Government to allow oil companies to import additional petrol, or to allow a price rise following the rising costs since devaluation. The deplorable result is that bowlers, cricketers and the energy of the people is devoted to scrounging for petrol to carry on until Canberra brings in rationing again to eke out the meagre supply. This will not be until the middle of next month, and in the meantime the scandals of blackmarketing and pilfering from unguarded stocks are adding to the vexations of responsible officers and the long suffering public. Some schools of thought maintain that the oil companies are not helping the position any and are holding stocks in the hope of getting a price increase, but most realise that these companies are not in business to show a loss and the resentment in the main is reserved for Government bungling. Whatever the fault, the public, advised of the impending shortage, started to play the game of follow-the-leader by building up individual reserves. This has brought a reprimand and threats of action against hoarders from the Government which does not see itself as the first offender. No satisfactory explanation can be obtained for the grim game that is being played with petrol but the debacle that has arisen over this short supply commodity has everyone agreeing that as rationing is inevitable, the sooner it comes now the better.

Started Months Ago

The excitement started four months ago when petrol rationing under the Defence Act was challenged and defeated, and the Prime Minister, licking his wounds, growled the threat that there wouldn't be enough petrol in the country for the harvest. Mostly this was regarded as the mumbling of a disappointed bureaucrat but the farmers forthwith decided to build up their reserves, just in case. This understandable act of prudence naturally "bumped up" consumption and, coupled with the extra demand on auxiliary power caused by the seven weeks coal strike, gave the Government some good figures to "prove their point" that

rationing was still necessary. This it proceeded to do with such wordiness and stress on impending shortages that every user of petrol in any capacity whatsoever decided with the farmers, to follow the Government's lead and lay-by a reserve. Having passed this stage without creating undue panic in distribution circles the scare was due to die a natural death and buying to stabilise, and would have done so if the politicians had agreed to the plea of the motorists' associations for a six-months test period of free trading in petrol, the rationing public which is now bearing the brunt of the shortage, had, through its organisations, expressed the opinion that with the elimination of the black market and an absence of panic buying and hoarding, the 40,000,000 gallons import limit might well prove sufficient for our needs. But they were doomed to refusal though with much evasion and political flag-wagging, noisy, and in the main negative.

So they buying rush started all over again and reached its peak when the date was fixed for the re-introduction of rationing, with the result that at the present time there is not a spare gallon of petrol to be had in the Commonwealth for love or money. So although garages have restricted sales to one gallon and sell only to regular customers since their allocations have been cut the effect is not yet seen in the proper perspective, but it is inevitable that before coupons are issued the position will be clear. This week most service stations carry a "no petrol" notice and manufacturers are concerned that the delivery of raw materials to factories and the distribution of finished goods to the public. When approached by representatives of essential services the Prime Minister stated that until the Commonwealth and State Parliaments passed the necessary legislation the Commonwealth had no power over the distribution of petrol. Thus we have the formidable problem of building up industry to defend the country while the fuel to keep the machinery running, while the need for defence is emphasised by action which is negative in effect. As it will probably be two or three years before the sterling area can make itself independent of dollar petrol under the present system we can look forward to a similar period of coupons, restricted transport and cramped production.

New Power Project

The acclaim which throughout the country has marked the official launching of the Snowy River power project must be music in the Government's ears. The scheme, which will take 25 years to develop and will cost £200 million, is the greatest single project in Australia's history and gives full consideration to the hydro-electric power and irrigation by harnessing the waters of the prodigious Snowy and other rivers of the Australian Alps. There are to be 16 underground power stations hidden deep in the rugged

country of the Snowy Mountains, secure from enemy attack, free from dependence on coal and coal miners which will generate power for great new industrial towns, which will spring up during the next 50 years on land where now cattle graze and crops are raised. Although it is a long term project it is estimated that firm power will be available in from nine to 10 years, while on the irrigation side of the scheme the flow of the controlled water to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation area will be doubled within eight years.

Some other rosy prospects which are expected to develop with the vast scheme include the attraction of many of Britain's heavy industries and thousands of British migrants to man them; the establishment of a most important citadel of power which can be used as need for Australia's war machine, and that finally Australia will become the arsenal of British Commonwealth power in the Pacific. It will also mean the supply of power to Sydney and Melbourne equivalent to that generated by 4,000,000 tons of New South Wales coal at half the cost of coal-produced electricity, the estimate being that by harnessing these rivers their waters will be capable of generating no less than 1,720,000 kilowatts of hydro-electric power. This amount of power means as much to industry as 4,000,000 tons of black coal a year, which is just a third of the present annual black coal output of Australia.

To tackle this giant undertaking the Government plans to use great teams of migrant labour. Little townships will be built to house them near the job, with schooling arrangements and special arrangements for learning English as they work. Another angle which is of great moral support to the enterprise is the assurance from President Truman that the United States will give the fullest aid, and will help Australia to iron out any whatever problems may arise.

As a result of the United Nations attempt to aid war-torn Europe, Australia has received over 150,000 new citizens, one-third of them Continental Europeans. They are coming here by the boatload: Latvians, Poles, Greeks, Yugoslavs, Italians, Estonians, Lithuanians and others. Most of these are victims of oppression, homeless and disillusioned, yet withal they are hopeful now that they have come to live with us. At the present rate they should amount to one-tenth of our population and anthropologists are wondering what effect they will have upon the physique and character of the Australian of the future—as at present we are a people of 97 per cent British origin. Observers say that we have produced a race so distinct from our English, Welsh, Scottish, and Irish ancestry that an Australian can be distinguished almost at sight. As regards the New Australians as they are being called, the Northern Europeans in most cases do not look very different from those coming from the British Isles. The Southerners of course are more swarthy and Latin in appearance and no doubt the skins of their progeny will have a somewhat darker hue, but all in all Australia's sun has no doubt changed in the 150-odd years that have elapsed since the first settlers came from the British Isles. Perhaps the migrants will produce subtle changes in our outlook on life which today is distinctly material.



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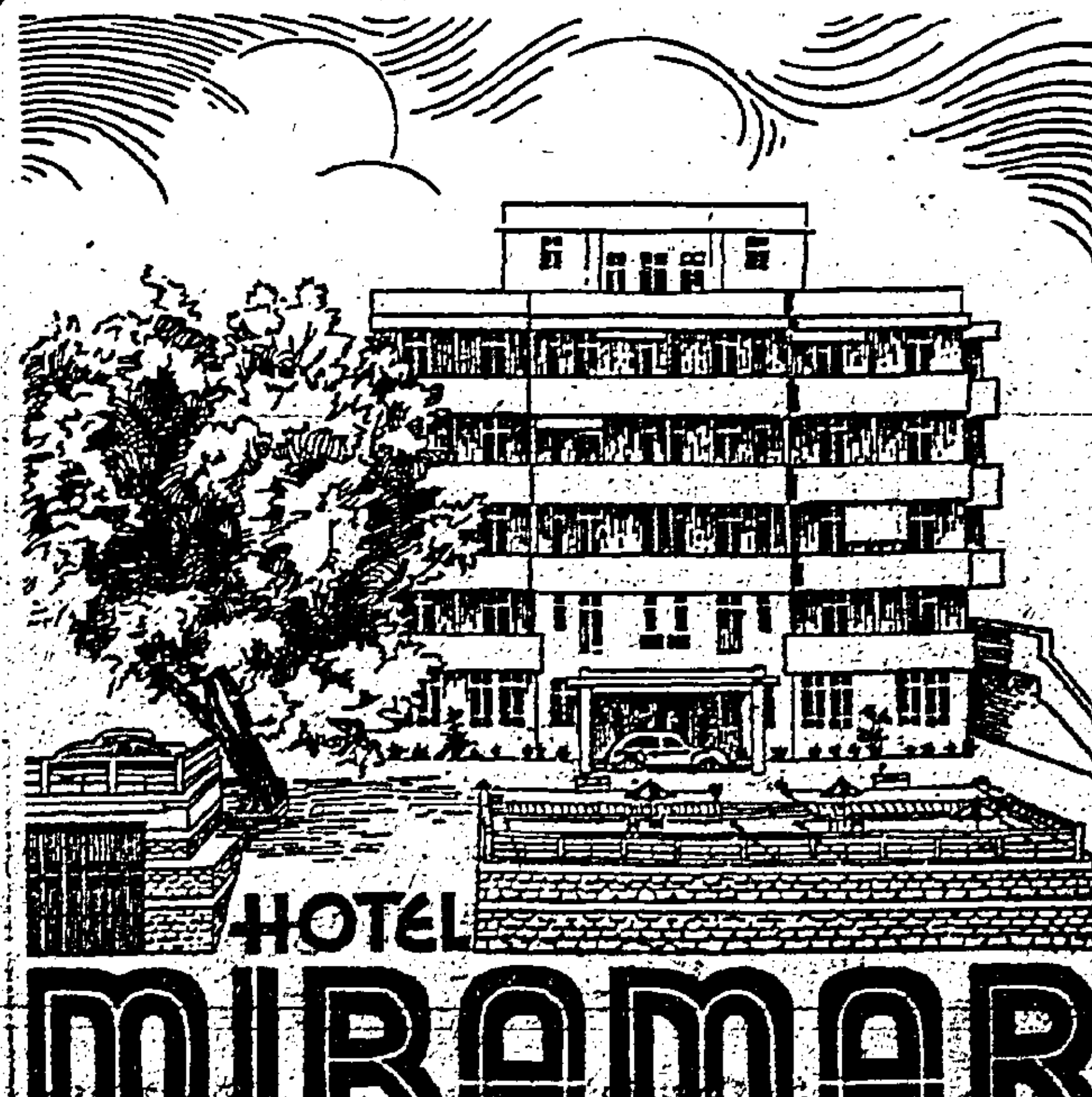
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India's Desire For Neutrality

New York, October 28.
The "New York Herald-Tribune" printed the following editorial on Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, today:
"During his visit in the United States, India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru has not been sufficiently anti-Communist in his speeches to satisfy some American commentators on international politics."

BEECHAM TO HEAR BEBOP

New York, October 28.
Sir Thomas Beecham, who plans to conduct in several American and Canadian cities, is also going to the Broadway night club "Bop City" to learn about bebop.
When he arrived on board the Queen Mary, Sir Thomas first asked "What the devil is that?" when asked for his opinion of bebop. He expressed interest after being told it is a recent development in modern American music.
According to the author of a book called "Inside Bebop," it is a "melodic, rhythmic, harmonic extension of jazz started when musicians began experimenting with a more intricate style of improvisation requiring more complex patterns, more advanced techniques, more variety of melody, so much melody some think there is no melody."
Sir Thomas asserted that modern music is a "continuous succession of promissory notes that composers are promising but only keep on promising."
He will visit Texas where he thinks "Western culture has arrived at its highest peak."
Of British conditions, he said the British Government is "promising to govern Great Britain."
—Associated Press.

SAILORS STOLE ARMS FOR CHINA

San Diego, October 28.
Five sailors pleaded guilty to charges of stealing \$10,000 worth of firearms and ammunition destined for the Chinese Nationalist Government. They will be sentenced in Federal Court on November 14.
Bluejackets Robert Bies, Harvey Johnson, William Treas, Morris Morgan and Robert Palmer were charged with hiding seven sub-machine guns and five Garand rifles, three Springfield rifles and 6,000 rounds of ammunition aboard the transport Washington while it was en route to China with a firearms cargo last winter.
—Associated Press.

Alexandria, October 28.
Ex-Queen Helon of Italy arrived today in Alexandria aboard the s.s. Andre Lebou. —Associated Press.

"He may have had their criticisms in mind when he expressed in Chicago his belief that individual freedom ceases to exist under the Soviet system."
"He has shown by his actions that he is not ready to use strong measures to suppress Communist activities threatening the State."

"The contrast between Pandit Nehru's views on India's home-grown Communists and the interpretations placed on his speeches abroad springs for the most part from the intense desire of the Indians not to become involved in any way—even a cold war."
"What Pandit Nehru is implying in some of his speeches is that Indians have no liking for the idea that they should be considered automatic allies of the West if shooting starts."

Desperate Need

"This attitude results from India's desperate need for peace while urgent domestic problems are being solved."
"It is wrong at present even though economic and political circumstances, as well as the admiration of the Indians for the highest ideals of democratic theory, tend to produce closer and closer relations between India and the Western Powers."
"If the whole picture is understood, and the long-term trends in India that are favorable to the West are considered, there need be no grave worry over an occasional speech by an Indian statesman that seems to indicate that India would prefer to sit on the fence in world politics."
—Reuter.

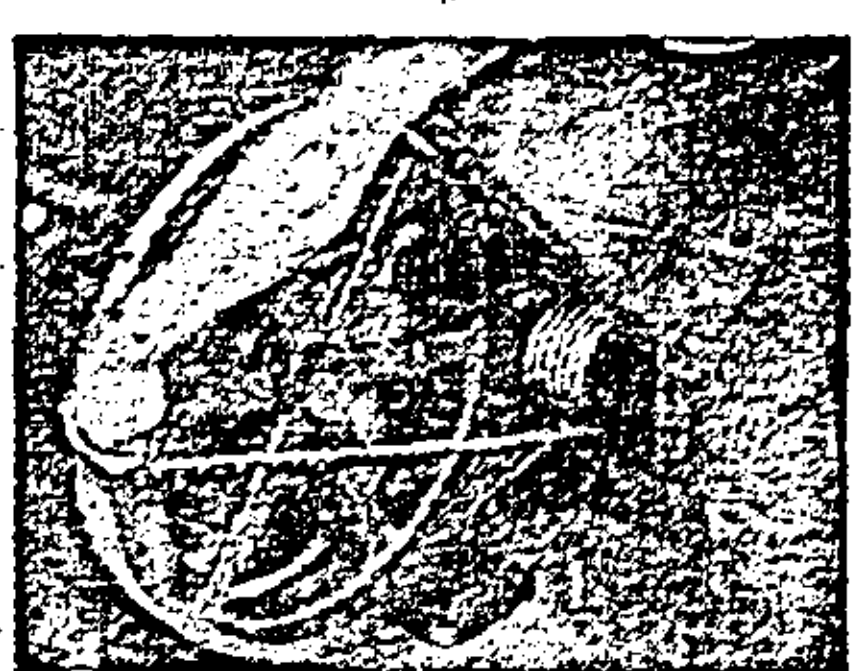
ALBANIAN NOTE TO BRITAIN

London, October 28.
Albania has sent Britain a note protesting that the creation of the West German Federal Government at Bonn is a breach of the Potsdam Agreement.
Britain answered and rejected similar notes last week from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.
The Albanian note was delayed because Britain and Albania have no diplomatic relations. It was transmitted through the good offices of the French Minister in Tirana.
A spokesman of the Foreign Office said that Britain would not reply. —Reuter.

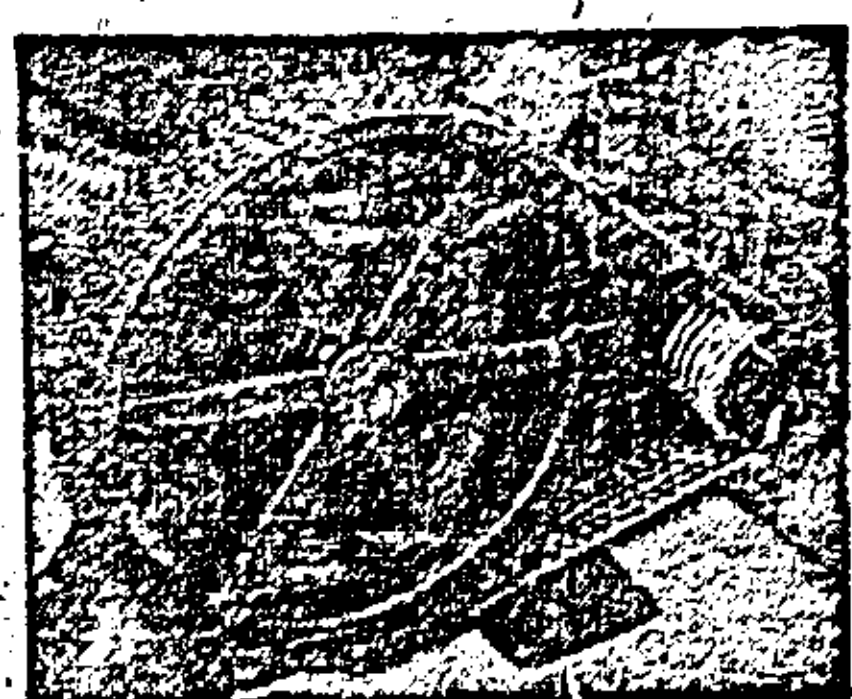
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Curt Reply To Ultimatum Recalled

Athens, October 28.
Greek planes circling in the clear blue skies over Athens today traced the historic words "No!"—the curt reply made by Greece to the Italian ultimatum of October 28, 1940.
The anniversary of Italy's declaration of war and of the beginning of the Greek Army's determined resistance to the invaders was kept as a national holiday.
King Paul reviewed the troops before they paraded through the city. He conferred the Gold Medal for courage on Queen Frederika—a granddaughter of Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany—who has frequently visited troops engaged in fighting the guerrillas.—Reuter.

Closed Doors In Russia

New York, October 28.
George Allen, Ambassador-designate to Yugoslavia, said today that Russia had gone to unbelievable lengths to assure that its citizens shall have the least possible contact with the outside world.

Mr. Allen spoke at the banquet of the American-Turkish Society on the 26th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic. He compared the Turkish revolution with the Communist revolution in Russia and said he was amazed that two nearly simultaneous revolutions in two neighboring territories should have had such opposite results.
"In Turkey the revolution brought an increase of freedom. In Russia, it caused the extinction of freedom."
"A Russian cannot travel abroad at will," said Mr. Allen. "He practically never sees a foreign publication. The last important uncontrolled source of world news in the Soviet Union is the Russian-language program of the Voice of America, the BBC. Many millions of Russians, we are now certain, listen to those programmes. At the present time, the programmes are largely blacked out by the tremendous jamming network built by the Soviet regime for that specific purpose."

The USSR keeps its doors closed because the system which the Communists set up could not exist except in an ideologically airtight compartment, he said.
"Even then the system is not working. The living standard is depressingly low. Control is by fear. Individual freedom is extinguished. Neither a Nazi, Soviet nor any other dictatorship could exist under free Press or free radio." —United Press.

HEAVY SNOW IN SWITZERLAND

Geneva, October 29.
The first heavy snow of the year fell on mountain roads in Switzerland during the past 24 hours.
The deepest snow-fall was on the road over the Furka Pass, between Andermatt and Meiringen, and on the St. Gotthard Pass where some 15 centimetres were registered.
Snow also fell on the roads leading over the Great St. Bernard, Grimsel and the Clausen passes. —Reuter.

INDIA OBJECTS TO HOLLAND REPORTING FOR INDONESIA

Lake Success, October 28.
India has objected to the Netherlands Government's policy of submitting information on Indonesia.
The Republic of Indonesia, the Indian delegate, Mr. B. Shiva Rao, said yesterday during the Trusteeship Committee's debate on information from non-self-governing territories, "has attained self-government and therefore does not come under the United Nations Charter provision" which lays down that administering nations submit information about territories under their government.

Consequently, Mr. Shiva Rao added, "the information furnished by the Netherlands Government should find no place in the summaries and analyses prepared by the Secretary General 'of reports by governing nations.'"

Mr. Rao expressed the "uneasiness" of his delegation that the round-table conference on the future of Indonesia at The Hague had not yet reached "a conclusive stage."

He said that although the present debate was "not the place" for a detailed reference to Indonesia, he could not let "this opportunity pass" without expressing uneasiness.

The Indian delegate deplored the "unilateral decisions" taken by administering Powers concerning the status of non-self-governing territories. The list of these territories originally submitted in 1946 was shrinking year by year. In these last three years the number had dropped from 64 to 62, he said.
Mr. Rao declared, "Members of this Committee will recall the terms of the General Assembly resolution adopted at the last session which called upon the administering Powers to inform the United Nations of any changes in the constitutional position and status of a territory omitted from the list of non-self-governing territories."

Vital Matter

He said that although India felt that the special committee set up by the last session of the General Assembly to examine information submitted on non-self-governing territories was not competent to discuss the legal and constitutional implications involved, "it is nevertheless a matter of vital importance for this Committee and the General Assembly."

"If the present tendency should continue," Mr. Rao warned, "administering Powers should persist in taking unilateral decisions in regard to the territories now in their charge, the functions of the General Assembly may be adversely affected to an increasing extent."

"Sooner or later, therefore, the Trusteeship Committee will have to take cognizance of this matter in the interest of the peoples of the non-self-governing territories."
Mr. Rao said that "with certain modifications" he would like the Assembly to approve the recommendation of the Special Committee on Non-Self-Governing Territories that it perpetuate itself until 1952. One of these modifications, he said, was that India preferred that members of the Committee should be chosen by the General Assembly rather than by the Trusteeship Committee.
"That provision will give the

Committee a status and importance in keeping with its functions," Mr. Rao said.

Tangible Value

The Indian delegate recalled that India had pleaded strongly for a permanent committee on territories, second, because the dissolution of the Committee would have serious and unfortunate repercussions on the peoples of the non-self-governing territories, and second, because the Indian delegation felt that the views in the Committee "are of tangible value to the administering Powers in improving conditions in their respective territories."

Mr. Rao pointed out that there had been much discussion "on the nature and extent of the obligations of administering Powers."
He suggested, therefore, that the General Assembly issue a general directive to these Powers asking them to include in information furnished yearly to the United Nations on the non-self-governing areas a reference to "all international conventions ratified by them and, in particular, to state how far such conventions have been made applicable to the territories and the reason for non-ratification in regard to the territories."
"Regarding international collaboration among administering Powers outside the United Nations and with specialized agencies of the United Nations, Mr. Rao said that there had been increasing evidence during the year of these Powers establishing machinery of their own for tackling certain problems of common concern."
He cited conferences in Africa on the suppression of the rinderpest and the control of red locusts.

Legitimate

This kind of co-operation, Mr. Rao said, "is perfectly legitimate and consistent with the United Nations Charter". Such concrete measures devised and carried out by "administering Powers did much to assist the peoples of the regions concerned but, he added, "the point of view of administering Powers is not necessarily the same as that of the United Nations. At any rate there is a variation in emphasis on basic objectives."

Mr. Rao charged "at least one administering Power, not a member of the United Nations, namely Portugal," with "thinking primarily of the benefits they themselves would gain" and "only incidentally for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories."
"The United Nations Charter, he pointed out, recognised without qualification that the interests of the inhabitants of those territories were paramount. There must be constant watchfulness by the General Assembly that the Charter provisions for international collaboration were not steadily undermined, Mr. Rao declared.—Reuter.

IBERIAN DEFENCE

London, October 28.
The "Economist" said today that Portugal would accept no assignments in the Atlantic Pact without considering, and possibly conferring with, Spain.
Discussing General Franco's visit to Lisbon the "Economist" said, "Spain was seeking to strengthen Iberian solidarity at a moment when, by joining the North Atlantic Pact, the Portuguese had taken their first plunge, for a great many years, into the theatre of international alliance."
"It must be accepted as an axiom that any part allotted to Portugal in Western defence will not be accepted on one hand without the Spaniards knowing a good deal about it and on the other without Spanish interests being considered."
The "Economist" then referred to Franco's declaration that the two countries were "models for the world". —United Press.

Holland's Population Growing

The Hague, October 29.
The Dutch are perturbed at the steady growth of their population, which has now reached 10,000,000. Since 1910 there has been a 1,000,000 increase every 10 years. The Netherlands claims the lowest death-rate and the highest birth-rate.
The Dutch Press has recently campaigned for emigration. But the total emigration this year is estimated at only 15,000 and next year's prospect are set at 20,000. It was hoped that Indonesia and perhaps Western Germany could absorb a large number of technical experts.
Other ways to combat the overpopulation were recently announced in a five-year industrialisation and reclamation plan.—Associated Press.

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The Russian Wolves Will Never Give Up The Chase

What some military experts still like to call, even in this age of total war, the "campaigning season" is virtually over, and the Russians have still given no sign of turning their "cold war" into a shooting war with Tito.

It is always a risky business forecasting about the Russians, and particularly about their intentions in Yugoslavia, because their reasoning and their logic pursue an altogether different course, from the way a Western mind might work things out.

There are observers in Moscow and other Cominform capitals who hold to the view that direct Russian action to solve the Tito crisis is pretty certain, that the Soviet

months-old clash with the "heretic" that Stalin has at all costs to get Tito out and get him out soon before infection goes too deep. The repercussions of Tito's prolonged defiance, they say, are already being felt in the satellite countries. If Tito gets away it, there is no telling what might happen in Prague, Warsaw or Budapest.

Stalin, they say, has no alternative (and this is certainly true), but to pursue the quarrel to the end, whatever the risks, and therefore, if the "cold war" fails to get Tito, the force of circumstances must inevitably compel him to take more direct military action.

Belgrade Opinion

In Belgrade, however, since the short-lived scare over the Soviet menace, not toward the end of August, the idea of Russian invasion has not been out of the mind, but is not being seriously entertained.

Military opinion is evincing now—with Belgrade's boisterous "Keshova" winds blowing off the Danube and the first hints that the rains are imminent—to a "safe" spell of at least two months along the roads and the flat Northern countryside are hardened up with winter frosts.

But the Russians have shown they have a habit of disregarding weather and ground conditions. They certainly fought in the worst conditions worse than the worst they might encounter in pushing down from Hungary across the flat, muddy Vojvodina. The truth is, if the Russians decide that military action is necessary to root this "Titoist cancer" out of the back of Stalinist Communism, they will take it. For Stalin, Tito's deviation is immeasurably more dangerous than Trotsky's was.

Tito may lack Trotsky's brilliant intellectual gifts, but in his stead he has a nation, a government, control of the Party machine, an army and a whole state apparatus, including a powerful and efficient police system. Tito has all these, and is therefore that much more dangerous.

Political Background

Leaving aside the military considerations, then, an analysis of the present political background affords a somewhat clearer answer to this difficult question of what the Russians may do.

After the recent months of Russian threats, the mutual recriminations and exchange of bitter notes in a tone unsurpassed even by Hitler, the ostentatious moves by Russian troops just beyond Yugoslavia's Northern marches, and above all the provocative march against Tito revealed by the Balkan trial at Budapest—one might reasonably think that the "cold war" could go no further.

But it can be intensified and there is no doubt that it will be. Moreover, there are positions in between the "cold war" and the switch-over to a "shooting war" which the Russians can take up with a certain degree of safety so far as the West is concerned and still have a chance of achieving their end without the risk of uncertain military adventures.

Despite the intensity of their propaganda, it is extremely doubtful if the Russians have succeeded in convincing opinion in their own or in the satellite countries that Tito is a real and a useful tool of the

"imperialist warmongers"; or that his partisan operations, pinning down some 20 German divisions which Hitler sorely needed on the Russian front and later in the West, were nothing

By ERIC BOURNE

but a mask for his secret deals with the Gestapo.

We must therefore expect this campaign to go on. The purge which started up in some Cominform countries immediately after the Balk trial will be intensified. What one method cannot achieve

in the Tito trial, the other will be called upon to do. Meanwhile, according to some informed estimates there are two other likely developments—both short of war—in the Cominform attack. These are:

Propaganda aimed at disaffecting the Hungarian (100,000), Rumanian (100,000) and Albanian (500,000) minorities in Yugoslavia, and attempts to exploit Bulgarian ambitions in Yugoslav Macedonia.

Guerilla Activities

Guerilla and sabotage activities calculated to create unrest and confusion and to add to the nation's economic difficulties, upon which Moscow still seems to be counting for a great deal.

Either development might conceivably create a situation which the Russians could exploit as a pretext for intervention in the name of "peace and order."

But, judging by results, they are not going to find it easy. In 15 months there has been only one major incident which it is reasonable to attribute to Cominform sabotage—the destruction by fire of the Yugoslav show motorship, the 9,000 tons Partisanika, in Rijeka harbour. There have been other attempts, all of them of a very minor and ineffective character, and there is no reason to assume Tito's security police will be any less efficient in the future.

It will be difficult, too, to achieve quick results with the minorities living in the frontier regions. Tito has shown tact and wisdom in dealing with them, deferring to local patriotism and, by Cominform standards, exercising considerable restraint in collectivising the peasants.

The bigger Albanian population is not likely to give trouble. Traditionally, Albanians have migrated to and fro over the border according to the trend of economic conditions. Just now, hard and primitive though they are, conditions in Macedonia are highly preferable to those in Albania, cut off from its friends and utterly dependent on sea-borne supplies from the USSR.

But on Albania itself, and on Bulgaria, Tito is keeping a very wary eye. (For some curious reason, Albania alone of all the Soviet bloc has not severed its part of mutual aid with Yugoslavia, though, of course, it is a dead letter.)

And Yugoslavs are wondering uneasily about the eight to 10,000 Greek guerrillas who

have been fitted out and re-organised by the Albanians from their own supplies of Soviet military equipment. Are the Greek "democrats" to be used for a new military venture, this time to the East, while the Bulgarians try a simultaneous push West to grab the left bank of the Vardar from Tito's Macedonian republic?

Some of Tito's best divisions are down in Macedonia, however, and one gets a definite impression of preparedness and a feeling that the Macedonians are not solidly united behind him in this struggle.

Summing Up

To sum up. At this stage, Tito can still count on the Army and the Party. The bulk of the people are probably loyal. There is a lot of apathy over the whole business but little organised opposition. What there is, is being well taken care of by Tito's police chief Alexander Rankovic.

If the Russians attack, the nation will fight—but for how long without material aid from outside?

If the Russians wait for these other methods to take effect, they will wait a long time but they might in the long run gain their end.

"The Russians," an old Serb politician told me, "are like a wolf pack pursuing a lonely traveller's carriage in winter, as in my young days. When the leader of the pack too near, you shot, trot, trot, gradually it came up again, or another, took its place. The pack never gave up."

"And that is like the Russians. They may take a long time, but they will never give up the chase."



WONDERFUL! WE'VE GONE A WHOLE WEEK WITHOUT A CRISIS!

AND NOW LAKELAND HAS ITS RUSTLERS TOO

By ALEX KENWORTHY

Rustlers—a word foreign in origin and meaning—is being uttered daily by hill farmers in Britain whose ancestors have for generations trusted their fortunes to Providence and the honesty of their fellows.

From spring to autumn millions of small, hardy sheep roam the rolling moorlands of the Pennines, the fells of the Lake District,

transforming the thin grass to lush and wool.

Natures toll is harsh enough for the shepherds in this ungracious country. In the terrible winter of 1947 3,000,000 sheep died through frost and snow.

In two summers and a mild winter the flocks have multiplied again. Despite the drought grazing has been good this summer, and many farmers have already recorded it as the best in memory.

But at the end of this kindest of seasons they are counting their losses in hundreds. Sheep stealing (centuries ago it was more dangerous) is back again.

Suspicious were first aroused in June when flocks were driven down from the hills 1,000ft. and 2,000ft. above sea level for clipping. Shepherds checking them against the numbers turned out in every flock reported many missing. The figures were way beyond taken-for-granted losses from natural causes and attacks by renegade dogs.

Round-ups for autumn dippings and sales have made suspicion certain. Branches of the National Farmers' Union and divisional police officers are keeping a mounting tally of the casualties. Five farmers in the Wharfedale fells area of the West Riding reported a total of 200 missing sheep in a few weeks. Twelve miles to the South 50 lambs disappeared overnight from a hillside bordering the road.

All along the Pennine Chain, criss-crossed by lonely, open roads, and on into the Border country the tale is much the same. Losses vary from 10 to 50 a flock. No one knows the total yet, and no one knows for certain where the animals have gone.

'The Cream Off'

Mr. William Booth, farmer at Chapel-le-Dale, near Ingleton, has had sheep on the fells for 20 years. So far this year he has lost 38 from a flock of 1,400. He counts the cost at—lambs from

£3 10s. to £4 each and stock sheep up to £7.

"That's the cream off to start with," says Mr. Booth. "A lot are blaming the Black Market. Some may be going that way, but I think more animals are going through the ordinary markets."

The modern rustler is a silent fellow with a closed motor van and a dog. He operates chiefly on moonlight nights, cutting out a few sheep by the roadside, loading up, and then he is off.

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The lightseers ward off night starvation with unrationed chicken, washed down with beer,

and swear that champagne and caviar, which most of them have never tasted, could not be better.

Every night a caravan of light moves in from far and near to the man-made constellations.

By HAROLD PENDLEBURY

Along a dozen trunk routes come thousands of private motor-coaches whose name signs, ranging from Polperro to Perth, read like a gazetteer.

The night throbs with diesel and petrol engines in a 40 mph traffic swirl where private cars are outnumbered six to one, and are often left behind.

Non-Stop Dances

On the illuminations, routes dances go on non-stop in crowded tea rooms and country pubs. The locals either stick it out manfully or sink away for a quiet drink in a hostelry well away from the beaten track.

In the Fylde district, where thrives the nation's biggest poultry population, thousands of chickens are being sacrificed to provide "Illumination Feasts" for mechanics from Birmingham and miners' wives from Durham.

There are "sit-down" chicken suppers at 5s. a time. For less formal parties open-air snack bars offer eggs and chips, meat pies, and sandwiches.

Pubs in the light zone, stripped of knife-jacks and ornaments that might tempt souvenir hunters, are cashing in on the autumn spree. The food and drink people are working nearly a 24-hour day.

Others Object

Crowds are bigger, freer-spending than pre-war. The increase in numbers is being carried entirely by motor-coaches, some of which make two return trips each night.

In one night alone 6,500 motor-coaches rolled into Blackpool now certain it will top the 2,000,000 record for lights visitors before the switch-off on October 24.

Morecambe, whose lights last for a longer period, has already had 2,000,000 people to see them. Southport's and Fleetwood's more modest displays have been been no less crowd-magnets.

The lights "madness" does not please everyone. Civic heads of towns and villages invaded till the early hours have grumbled about noise and broken sleep.

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FAR EAST PLANS

Hong Kong is as interested as the rest of the Far East in the meeting of British representatives in Singapore this week. They include governors, ambassadors and heads of missions from Malaya, India, Pakistan, Japan, Burma, the Philippines, etc., but particular importance is given to the occasion by the presence of Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

These conferences, presided over by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General in South East Asia, are regular occurrences at which views are discussed, without important decisions being normally taken. This week, however, the talks may have a much more far-reaching significance. The Chinese Communists are on the doorstep of Hong Kong, and will soon be on the borders of Burma and Indo-China. What is the British attitude going to be, especially as regards recognition?

Apart from these urgent questions, however, the tone of the regular Singapore conferences is conditioned by the drive for economic development, to raise the standard of living of the colonial peoples. This can only be done by improving education, health and other social services, and by increasing the productivity of the workers. A community which lives by subsistence farming is static and helpless, and a country composed of these communities equally so. Colonies such as Malaya left this stage long ago, with highly valuable exports like rubber and tin, but even these regions, as well as the others, need an injection of capital to enable them to make fullest use of their assets.

The Home government has voted sums of money for such development, although not nearly enough, in the opinion of those best able to judge. It is largely being spent, wisely, on providing the basic requirements of prosperous agriculture: irrigation, soil conservation, forestry research, cheap electric power and transport.

This is to be applauded, as is also the theoretical insistence that there must be no exploitation of the indigenous people. The world needs the products of the colonies, says London, but it cannot have them at the expense of the colonial peoples; it can only have their surplus.

Industry, not only large-scale enterprises, but also small, locally-owned concerns, are being financed and encouraged, often for the processing of raw materials available nearby. This will also serve to raise the standard of living, and may eventually result in an increased flow of tropical products to a world hungry for them.

This development plan should, as we have said, be expanded tremendously—because, not in spite of, Britain's economic difficulties. But Whitehall might also brush up its knowledge of the abstract needs of the colonial peoples, and put genuine democratic principles more noticeably into practice than is evident at the moment.

MISSIONS TO GERMANY

Bonn, October 28.
Switzerland, Eire, Belgium and some South American countries intend to open diplomatic missions in Western Germany by December, the German news agency reported today.
The Holy See, Sweden and Italy have already named their representatives to Germany, Reuters.

Employment In Britain

Recent speeches by Ministers have made it clear that the Government intend to make the subject of unemployment a major issue at the next election. They take credit for the fact that during the last four years they have had full employment. The Socialist propaganda machine is broadcasting the idea that under Tory rule there will be unemployment; the less scrupulous people suggest that Tories want unemployment and that it was the Tories who were responsible for it during the inter-war years.

In November, 1943, Mr. Churchill decided that one member of the War Cabinet should be responsible, in association with other senior Ministers, for preparing a general blueprint of the plans for the operation of the social services when peace came. He created an office of Minister of Reconstruction for that purpose and asked me to leave the Food Ministry to fill it.
The Cabinet committee was a very powerful one. Its members included Mr. Attlee, Mr. Butler, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Lytelton, Mr. Bevin, Lord Selsky, Lord Low, Mr. Archibald Sinclair. In fact, there were representatives of Conservative and Labour Ministers. Sir John Anderson and I belonged to neither party.

All-Party Policy
One of the problems that caused us deepest concern was that of employment policy, and we published our considered judgment in Command Paper 6527. This document received the approval of the Cabinet and the approval of both Houses of Parliament, which were predominantly Conservative. There can, therefore, be no doubt that the Conservative Party are committed to it; and there can be no doubt that the leaders of the present Government expressed their agreement with its conclusions. In fact, to emphasise this, Mr. Attlee specifically asked that I should be present when I held a Press Conference on the subject.
All parties knowing the evils and the suffering that came from unemployment, were anxious to find a solution that would be free from the divisions of party politics; all parties had, round the table, men who either directly or indirectly had first-hand experience of such suffering. The first sentence of the paper, therefore, set out a declaration intended to bind whatever Government was in power in the future:
"The Government accept as one of their primary aims and responsibilities the maintenance of a high and stable level of employment after the war."

The fourth paragraph began:
"There will, however, be no general unemployment in the years immediately following the end of the war in Europe."
In the appendix to this "all-party" publication is a chart giving the official figures in terms of percentage of unemployed persons insured against unemployment. The chart shows the rapid fall in unemployment from 1920 to 1929, its rapid rise from that date—Labour was in power from 1929 to 1931 and 1935 to 1937—its rise to 14 per cent in 1938, and its fall to 10 per cent in 1939.

Rather late in the year, two British divisions, one armoured, the other an infantry division, have been successfully carrying out manoeuvres in North Germany on the divisional scale. These represent practically the entire British force that could be put in motion on the Continent if and when war broke out. The American occupying forces might make up another two divisions. This implies a combined mobile strength of perhaps 120,000.

As against that figure let us place some figures given by General Omar Bradley to the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee at Washington. He said that Russia had on foot an Army of 2,500,000 men and an Air Force of 600,000 with between 14,000 and 16,000 aircraft. They have no seas or oceans to cross, and the proportion continually held ready for Western operations is undoubtedly a large one.

Sword Of Damocles
This stupendous contrast between strengths is nothing new; Europe has been living with it for nearly four years. During all that time Russia's unbalanced invasion-strength has hung suspended like a sword of Damocles over the heads of the civilised peoples of Western Europe.
If still it has not fallen, and still the peoples of Western Europe have not sought to anticipate its fall, by turning Communist, the explanation may be sought in two directions. One is the American monopoly of the chastening reflection that in two world wars the English-speaking Powers, while caught out in the beginning, have been able to triumph in the end, and, though the beginning might be repeated in Russia's favour, the end might be repeated against her.
Such are plainly not permanent reflexes. Already the atom bomb has ceased to be a monopoly and the American lead in respect of it must tend to lessen in importance year by year. Similarly, what enabled the British and the Americans to reverse their defeats in Russia's favour, the end might be repeated against her.

Some light, but not enough, was thrown upon this by Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery in the address which he delivered at the Royal United Service Institution. He stated the requirements in some detail, but he never suggested that they are all being met, as clearly he would have if they were. On the contrary, he implied that some essential needs were not being met.
What were the requirements? Three in particular. First, the need for political direction. As soon as any problem of Allied defence is examined in detail, political points unforgotten, then are apt to arise, and must be settled between the Governments concerned. The essential here is promptitude. Secondly, the need for rapid and precise decisions from a superior body on the military side.
Here again the essential is promptitude and "the weakness of the committee system is that it is cumbersome and slow in obtaining the sort of decision which is given by a commander-in-chief. Thirdly he stressed the need to be international. Members of the Western Union commanders-in-chief organisation should be freed from any national appointment, as their chairman, Lord Montgomery himself, has been. "They must hold the status of international servants."

words which are the responsibility of either central or local government, and in the language of the Committee.

"The larger private enterprises may be expected to follow, in their own interests, the example set by the Government in the timing of public investment and to adjust their activities accordingly. For to a strong and well-established business, confident of its long-run earning power, there are obvious attractions in executing plans for expansion or for the replacement of obsolete plant at times when costs are low."
These two powerful weapons, with sympathy and co-operation between Government and business interest, would constitute very effective means of checking the accumulation of unemployment. In the past, capital expenditure by Government authorities has "generally followed the same trend as private capital expenditure, at its failure in times of slump and rise in times of boom, and has tended therefore to accentuate the peaks and troughs of the trade cycle. In the future, Government policy will be directed to correcting this sympathetic movement."

Other weapons of no less potential magnitude are a reduction in general taxation, an increase in allowance for replacement of industrial plant, machinery or buildings. Some of these methods may not be applicable to the circumstances that will arise in the future. No one can prescribe for a disease that has not developed, but here is recorded evidence of the intention and desire of Mr. Churchill's Coalition to prevent a rise in unemployment.
It was a programme agreed by all parties. It was based upon some deliberate balance or planning of expenditure. But clearly it presupposed that in periods of prosperity a reserve of spending power would be created to be used in periods of depression. The policy of the present Government has endangered this method of dealing with a trade recession.
Where are our reserves? Both in private and business hands savings are now so heavily taxed that proper savings are not being accumulated; and the Government, by the extravagant expenditure at a time of very full employment, is certainly not creating reserves for increases of expenditure in the future.
The position that this Coalition group of Ministers contemplated with concern is close upon us. Devaluation can but be a temporary and indeed a doubtful preventive of unemployment. The task of finding work and food and homes for the people is a primary obligation of Government, and constitutes problems of such difficulty and magnitude that they might well be protected from the darkening clouds of political ceremony.

Unemployment is a social disease; let us approach it as men who care for our country's welfare and refrain from seeking to make party capital out of circumstances that call for the best that any of us can give to the industrial security and well-being of the nation.

By LORD WOOLTON

I think the public should study this official publication because it sets out the proposal to treat unemployment as a national and not a party issue—was both wise and statesmanlike. It is monstrous for any responsible person to suggest that any body of men, such as standing that they may be called upon to govern this country, are so callous as to want large bodies of their fellow-countrymen to be unemployed in order that there may be some undefined party advantage.

Moreover, what national or economic advantage can possibly result from the reduction in the productive capacity of the nation which unemployment involves? Furthermore, since Mr. Attlee, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Bevin and their colleagues agreed that there would be no problem of general unemployment immediately following the end of the war, the public should not conclude that the present full employment is due to the policy of the Labour Government.
We all recognised, however, that after the first few years, when the backlog of demand on our manufacturing capacity, from people abroad as well as at home, was filled, there would be a danger of unemployment.
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Checking A Slump

If a slump is to be stopped by any artificial means, clearly it must be tackled at the beginning and before the accumulation of unemployment gets under way. Mr. Churchill's Coalition has therefore decided that when such a development took place, we would stimulate consumption by creating increased demands.
There are many ways that a Government can do this. Firstly, it can encourage the use of credit, which is called "capital investment"; this includes public

Flanders Of The Future?

By G. WARD PRICE

In the event of a third world war—between East and West—there can be no doubt this far Northern American territory of Alaska would become a theatre of hostilities.

"Alaska is an insurance against an Arctic Pearl Harbour," was the answer of handsome, white-haired Pacific and Mediterranean veteran Lieut-General N. F. Twining, when I asked him what was the strategic purpose of maintaining a strong American Air Force here, supported by naval and military contingents under his command.

This is the back door to the United States and Canada. An invasion against Alaska might serve the purpose of a powerful diversion pinning down American air resources here while the main enemy attack was delivered elsewhere.

As a route for the military invasion of the North American Continent Alaska is ruled out by what American call "logistics," or problems of supply.

Few Communications

This vast outpost of the United States has practically no internal communications except by air. There is one railroad running inland from the South coast for about 450 miles.

Fairbanks, in the centre, has a road connection with Anchorage, the headquarters of the Alaskan Command, and since the war a new 1,500-mile-long "Alcan highway" has linked the road system of British Columbia with Fairbanks (which is practically the terminal of the Alaskan railway).

But the rest of Alaska is a wilderness of forest, mountain, and swamp, buried for six months of the year under 10 ft. of snow, and though it might be possible for a hostile power to invade this territory, especially with airborne troops, it would be difficult to supply them even with the airlift technique developed in Germany.

The American occupation of Alaska is itself a triangle of islands. There are three main bases—Fairbanks, in the centre, Anchorage, in the South, and Nome, in the West.
The only communication with Nome, which is the nearest to Siberia, is by air, and the season for building up reserves for the long winter is limited to the summer months.

Supplies In Danger

It is this situation that perhaps presents the gravest danger to Alaska. All through the summer stockpiling of stores goes on. A sudden successful autumnal invasion by airborne troops might put the enemy in possession of ample supplies. He could base against the industrial centres of Canada and the North part of the United States, and subsequently destroy American installations here before withdrawing to his own territory.

If air operations against Alaska the Russians would be favoured by the fact that they are even more familiar with this region and its conditions than the Americans themselves.

Russians Learned

During the last war between 8,000 and 9,000 American bombers were flown here from the States and delivered to Russian pilots at Fairbanks under Lend-Lease.
The Russian Air Force had a permanent receiving base at Fairbanks, and though no American

airmen were allowed to fly over Siberia Russian Air Missions made trips to the industrial centres of the United States and Canada, doubling the knowledge of the routes of the North American Continent, which many American pilots—most of them new since the war—do not possess today.

Another result of America's generosity to the Soviet Government during the war was the construction of a string of flying and refuelling bases right across Siberia.

The first effect of a visit to Alaska is to revise one's geographical conceptions.

The vast masses of the Northern Hemisphere are grouped in a circle round the Pole. And the shortest way for bombing or other aircraft between Asia, North America, and Europe lies across the Arctic Circle.

Incredible as it may sound, the most direct route from the Panama Canal to Singapore is via Alaska.

While made the journey by air from London to Fairbanks last week by way of Montreal and Seattle in about 36 hours of flying time, Colonel Balchen, commanding the Tenth Air Rescue Squadron here, flew direct across the Arctic Circle from Fairbanks to Oslo in 21 hours 50 minutes, and could have reached London in about the same time.

For intercontinental traffic of the future Alaska will be one of the great crossroads of the air. That is why large civilian airfields are being constructed at Anchorage and Fairbanks, alongside the lavishly equipped Air Force installations.

The most striking exemplar of America's world-wide influence is the United States Air Force.

A few weeks ago I saw American airmen operating under tropical conditions in Iran. Here in Alaska one finds them devising a new technique of air warfare in the Arctic, for even on this threshold of winter the temperature already falls nightly to just above zero Fahrenheit, and the ground won't be seen again for six months under its unbroken covering of snow.

The problems are those of maintenance rather than flying. With the thermometer registering 70 or 80 degrees of frost, metal contracts and rubber gets brittle. Pre-heaters to warm up engines and covers to fit over wings are required, for it is found that an aeroplane remains more efficient if left on the runway than when moved out into the cold.

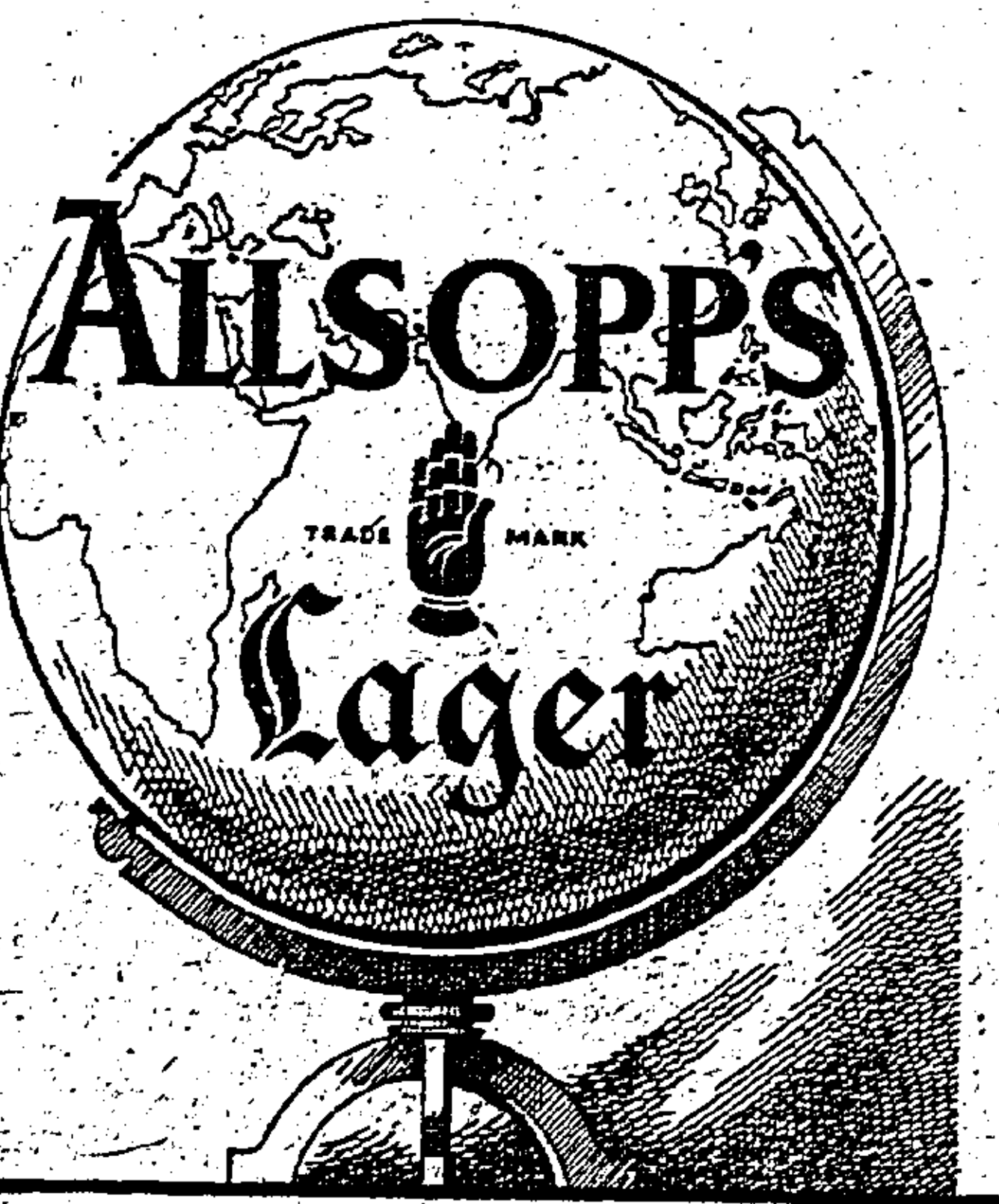
For actual flying winter is better than summer. A jet fighter needs 99 per cent. of its power to take off at normal temperature; at zero it will get off the ground with 95 per cent. and at 25 below zero with 91 per cent.; at sub-zero temperatures ice ceases to form on wings.

But the main task is training personnel in adaptation to Arctic conditions during the 18 months officers and men spend up here.

Primitive Living

When the special equipment supplied is properly used the health of troops is as good as in a temperate zone. Housing is the greatest difficulty. Construction is possible only in summer. Labour has to be imported largely, and building costs are extremely high.

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AZORES AIR CRASH: ALL 48 IN PLANE REPORTED KILLED

Ponta Delgada, St. Michael's Island, Azores, October 28.

An Air France Constellation bound for New York crashed into the highest mountain on this desolate Atlantic island today, killing all 48 persons aboard.

Among those who perished in the flaming wreckage were Marcel Cerdan, former world middle-weight boxing champion, the French concert violinist Ginette Neveu and 11 Americans.

A rescue team reached the wreckage of the four-engined Constellation in the late afternoon and reported to Air France that the plane was destroyed and there were no survivors.

Rescuers fought through wind, rain and fog to reach the smouldering wreckage near the top of 3,600-foot Mount Algarvia on the North East tip of the island. They had expected to find some of the 37 passengers and 11 members of the crew alive.

The search pilot who had spotted the wreckage on the rocky mountain hours after the plane crashed reported that "some survivors" had waved to him. His report was correct, the survivors died before help reached them.

Rescuers returning from the crash scene said all aboard were dead. Mutilated bodies were strewn over a 600-yard area. The plane was destroyed but they said nothing indicated that the plane was burning before it crashed.

The scene was an isolated mountain area about 10 miles from the nearest habitation. French officials and an Air France mission have arrived for an investigation.

An Air France spokesman said he believed the plane was about seven minutes behind schedule when it radioed Santa Maria, which might explain the crash on St. Michael's, 60 miles North.

The rescue team which finally reached the wreckage was equipped with radios, with which it lashed back the report that all aboard had perished. The wreckage was spotted after planes from the United States Air Force base in the Azores and Portuguese planes had joined an armada of ships and small craft in searching a 1,000-mile radius. Rescue planes had parachuted medical supplies and radio equipment near the scene in the hope of aiding possible survivors.

Few Minutes After Message

The liner smashed into the peak to the North of the trans-Atlantic fuelling base of Santa Maria only a few minutes after signing in with the inter-continental base at Santa Maria. For nearly 30 minutes the airport radio tried in vain to contact the plane, then rescue squads went into action while vague reports of explosion and fire circulated.

Trucks and cars shuttled through the heights on Santa Maria and other islands in the group and more than a dozen planes from the different Azores islands and from Portugal were thrown into the search, sweeping low over the Atlantic on the chance that the Constellation had plunged into the sea. Three Portuguese Navy ships and dozens of small vessels joined the search after dawn.

The ocean was calm and the weather generally clear, although clouds scudded low over lilly areas and surrounded some of the taller peaks. When the misty clouds cleared, a search pilot sighted a thin column of smoke rising from the summit of Algarvia. Dropping down as low as he dared, he saw persons around wreckage, he reported. Within a few minutes rescue parties were heading for the scene. The nature of the terrain made it uncertain whether the crash scene would be reached.

The vanguards of the rescue forces clambered ashore from a fleet of boats and started climbing toward the wreckage near the top of the peak.

Air France Statement

Air France Headquarters in Paris issued the following statement late this afternoon: "At 5.10 p.m. a telegram from Santa Maria said that a search party is reported to have reached the wreck of the Constellation on a mountain. There were reported to be no survivors."

The commander of the Constellation, 37-year-old Jean de

Lapout, was described by Air France as one of the most experienced pilots on the North Atlantic route.

He had crossed the ocean 88 times.

Air France said that this was the Company's first accident on the Paris-New York run since it began flying the route in July, 1946.

Passengers aboard the plane included as earlier reported, Marcel Cerdan, former world middle-weight boxing champion. Cerdan was on his way to New York to meet the reigning world middle-weight champion, American Jake La Motta, to whom he lost the title earlier this year.

Huy Jasmin, Montreal tourist, listed as a passenger on the French liner, was travelling in Europe to gather material for a series of stories in the Montreal newspaper, Le Canada.

Famous Painter

Also aboard was Miss Ginette Neveu, 28, noted French violinist who was to give concerts in North American cities next month. Her brother and piano accompanist died with her.

M. Bernard Boulet de Monvel, French portrait painter and son of the equally well-known artist, Louis Boulet de Monvel, was another passenger.

Several business persons were among the 11 Americans on the plane. The Americans included Kay Kamen, 56, of New York, a licensing representative for Walt Disney characters.

The official passenger list included Abraham Afghani of Teheran, Joseph Aharon of Tel Aviv, Mrs. Hanna Abbot (a Syrian) of Cairo, Jacob Matti of Baghdad, and Mustapha Abdouni (a Lebanese) of Paris.

Air France said five of the passengers aboard the plane were young Basque shepherds on their way to Western United States ranches.

They were Pierre Etcheperie, Guillaume Chourout, Jean Louis Armabel, Jean Pierre Audretz and Jean Pierre Squibide.

Previous Crashes

There have been six previous major disasters involving commercial planes this year. Twenty-five persons died on September 27 when a Mexican line DC-3 crashed into a volcano on a flight from Guatemala to Mexico City.

On September 10, 23 persons were killed when a Quebec Airways DC-3 exploded in mid-air on a commercial run. The police probed the possibility of a murder plot in connection with the explosion in the passengers' luggage.

On July 13, a twin-engined transport on a flight from New York to Los Angeles crashed into a mountain peak North of Los Angeles, killing 34 persons.

One day earlier, 45 persons including 13 American news correspondents were killed in the crash of a Royal Dutch Airlines Constellation near Bombay, India.

Sixteen persons perished on July 20 when a Navy fighter plane crashed into an Eastern Airlines DC-3 in the air near Fort Dix, New Jersey.

On June 7, 54 persons were killed when a twin-engined transport bound for the United States with Puerto Rican passengers dived into the coastal waters near San Juan, Puerto Rico.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

ELECTION IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, October 28. The campaign for next month's general election in Portugal began today without any relaxation of Press censorship, though an easing of the regulations was expected later.

The National Union, the Portuguese Government Party, was holding meetings in Coimbra and Setubal. No Opposition meetings had yet been advertised. Opposition candidates are standing in the election, which is to be held on November 13.—Reuter.

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Admiral On Soviet Atom Bomb Pile

Norfolk, Virginia, October 28.

Admiral W. H. Blandy, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, said last night: "In two years Russia may have an atom bomb pile equal to ours."

But he told 200 members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce he did not believe Russia would attack the United States until the Soviets were industrialized completely and convinced they could match the United States production.

He said the Russians would attempt a surprise attack on United States industrial centres. But, he said, he did not believe the "Russian army could cross all the water to reach us."—United Press.

CHAHAR PLAGUE OUTBREAK

San Francisco, October 28.

Plague has broken out in an area North of Kalgan, Chahar provincial capital, according to Peiping Radio tonight. Seven deaths have so far been reported.

The Radio did not specify the type of plague, but it spoke of a "rat killing campaign" in which the whole population would take an active part.

Infected villages are being quarantined.

The plague had spread from the inner Mongolian grasslands, the Radio said.

Medical teams have been rushed to the affected area and further units are on their way from Manchuria with sufficient anti-plague serum for 2,000,000 persons.

To prevent the scourge spreading, "sanitation cordons" have been drawn between Kalgan and Peiping, the Communist capital. East of Kalgan, the Radio reported.

It added that all traffic between Peiping and Kalgan has been suspended.—Reuter.

Shah's Tour Of America

Washington, October 28.

The Shah of Persia will have little time left for private social functions in the crowded three-week American tour which is being planned for him by the Protocol Division of the State Department.

The 30-year-old Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who is expected to reach here by air from Teheran on November 16, will spend only four days in Washington before starting on his whirlwind aerial tour across the United States.

He will be guest at two dinners given respectively by President Truman and Mr. Deane Acheson, the Secretary of State. A third dinner will be given by the Shah in honour of the President and Mrs. Truman.

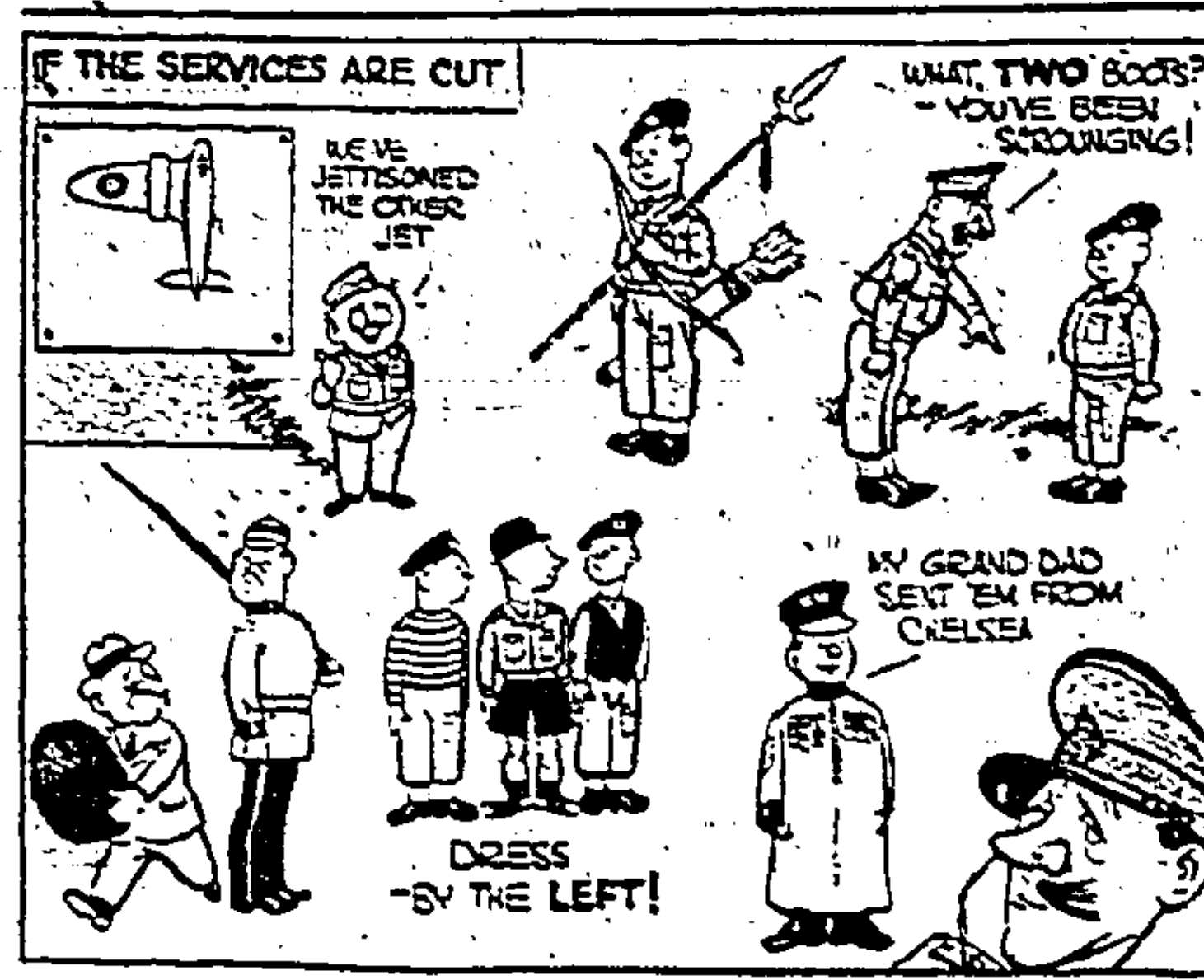
Daytime visits to Mount Vernon and the Annapolis Naval Academy and a tentative luncheon engagement to speak to foreign correspondents will rule out the possibility of his accepting invitations from most of the organizations which have asked to have him as their guest.

The Shah will probably take time for a brief skiing vacation in the Rockies at the conclusion of his official tour, which primarily is to allow him to study American industrial and agricultural techniques.—Reuter.

PRIEST GAOLED

Montreal, October 28.

The Reverend Joseph Taillefer, a Roman Catholic priest who had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to sell narcotics, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$3,000 or an additional year.—Associated Press.



SELF-HELP ONLY SOLUTION TO CANADA'S PROBLEM

Toronto, October 28.

The Finance Minister, Douglas Abbott, said today that Canada must look elsewhere than to Britain and the United States to solve its trade problems.

It is up to the Canadians to iron out their own troubles and in any event Government action was limited, he said.

Future Of Sourabaya Navy Base

The Hague, October 28.

The Indonesian round-table conference here agreed today that the big Netherlands naval base at Sourabaya, East Java, will be controlled by the future United Republic of Indonesia, though the Dutch will be able to use it.

The Dutch naval commander will be in charge of protecting its installations, but will be responsible to the Republic's Defence Minister, it was understood.

The future of the Sourabaya base and the possible transfer of Dutch naval units to the United Republic had formed an outstanding point of variance in the Hague conference's Military Committee.

At last night's meeting, which did not end until just before midnight, the Steering Committee accepted compromise suggestions by the United Nations Commission in Java on several military and defence problems.

The Hague compromise Commission plans on financial and economic matters are being discussed by the Committee today as the October 31 deadline for ending the conference drew near.

These proposals covered the settlement of such outstanding points of difference as the most favoured nations clause, the currency in which civil servants' pensions will be paid, and the future monetary policy of the Indonesian Republic.—Reuter.

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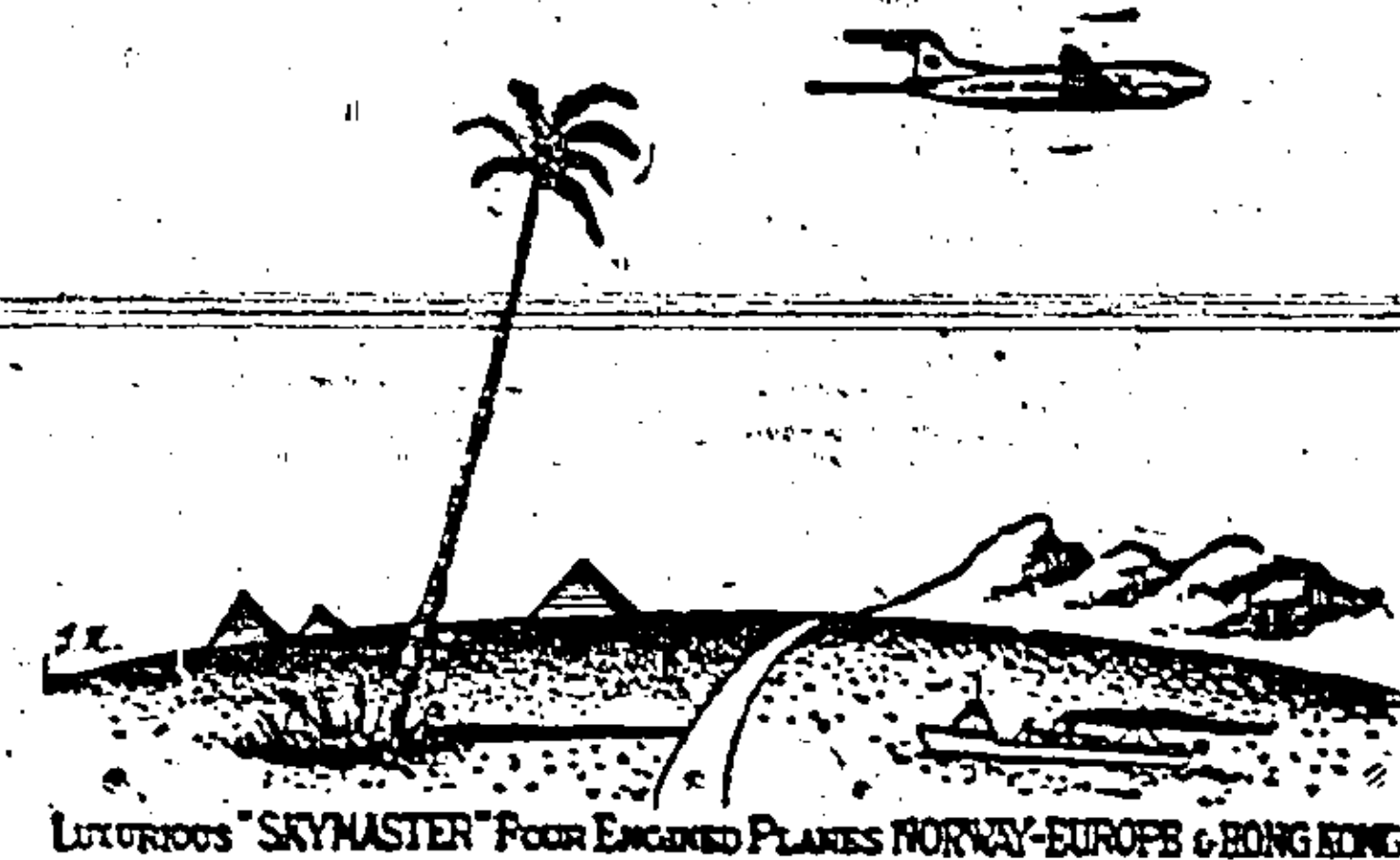
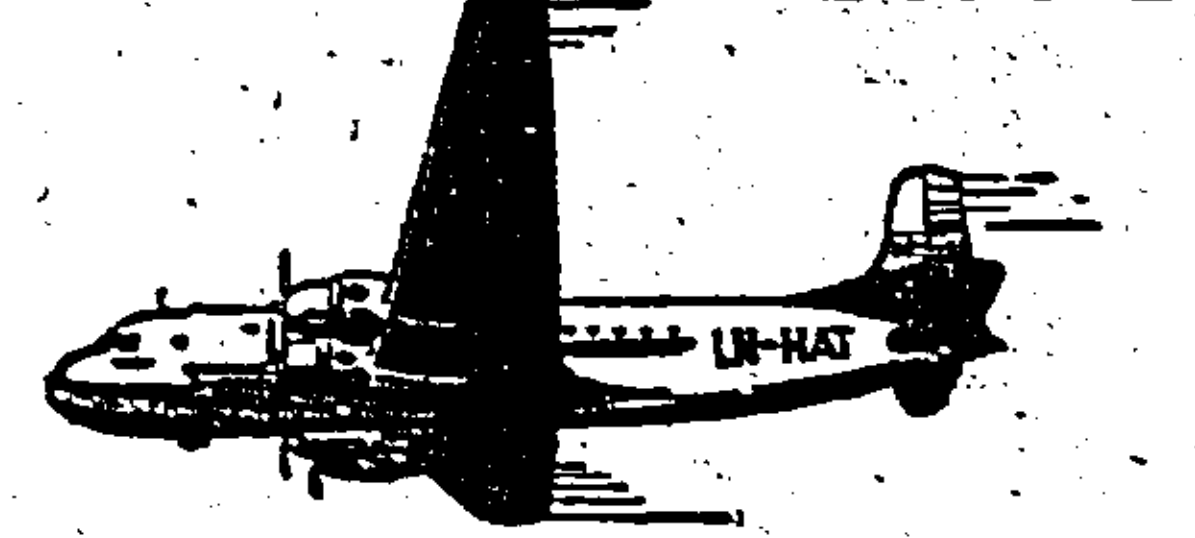
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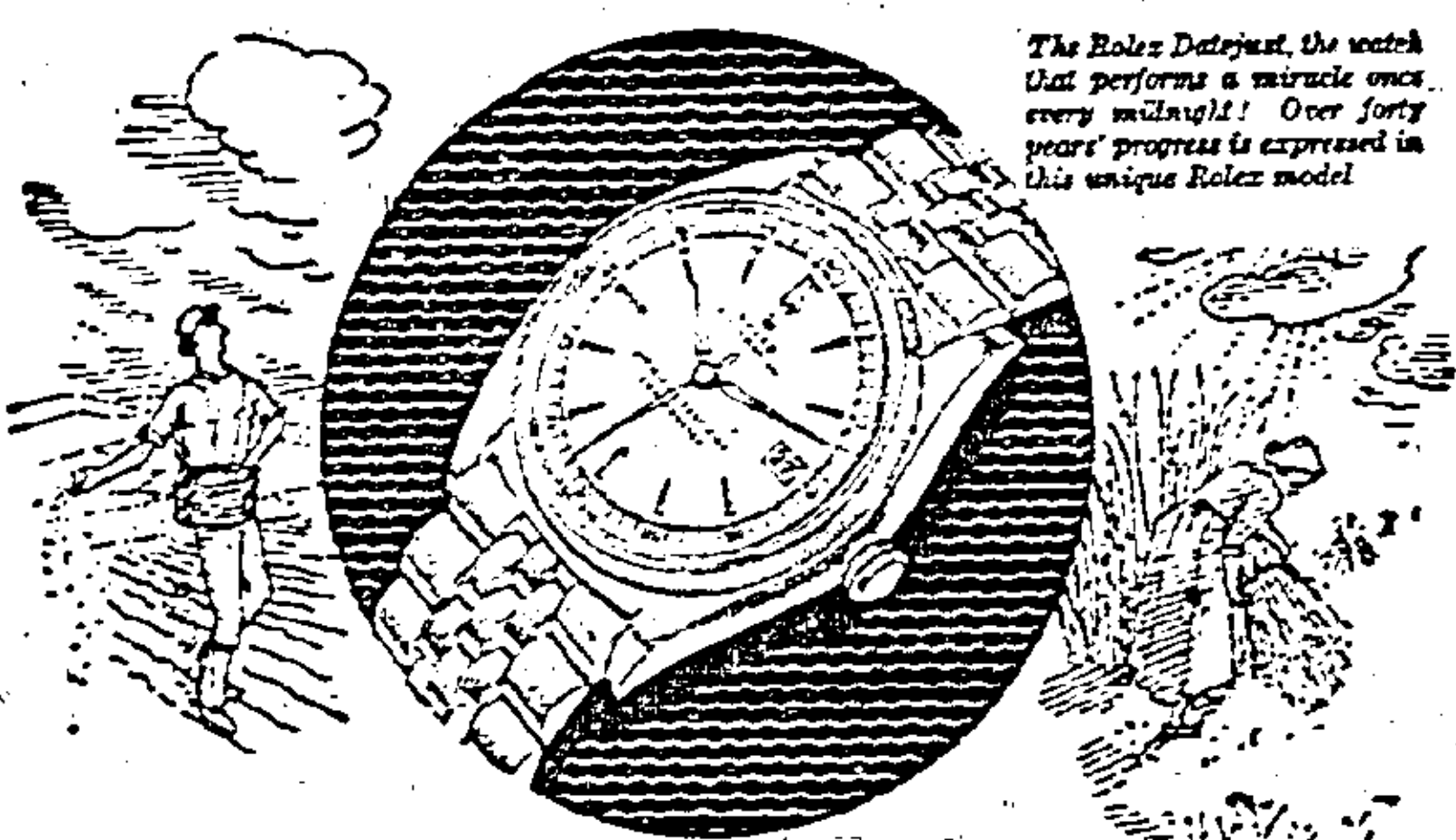
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by Hans Wilsdorf *

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Let me add that, like many Rolex watches, every Rolex Datejust is an officially certified wrist-chronometer. This is a special policy of mine. Although other manufacturers also make officially tested wrist-chronometers, only we at Rolex produce these magnificent timepieces in such large numbers for sale!

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Inside Information

By MERCURY

Australia and New Zealand are to protest to the United Nations against MacArthur's decision to permit Japan diplomatic and consular representations abroad.

Ten divisions of Soviet troops (150,000) are at present being transferred from home bases to Manchuria.

Court circles say it is almost certain that Princess Margaret will visit Canada next summer.

The British Foreign Office is preparing a dossier on reports from Central Asia where 2,000 casualties are reported during an atom bomb subsidiary factory explosion at Tannu Tuva.

Britain and Australia have agreed to invite 11 Far Eastern delegates to London next month to discuss the future of Japan.

Tito will shortly reopen the central offices of the Cominform in Belgrade as his personal headquarters.

Soviet one-man submarines are being flown in sections to Albania.

The French franc may be subject to further devaluation shortly.

Czechs rounded up in recent police swoop are accused of tapping out the "V" sign.

Stereoscopic colour television tests are being carried out in Moscow.

Britain's UN and ERP costs have risen £500,000 as a result of devaluation.

Swissair are negotiating for British-built 300 m.p.h. "Apollo" jet air liners.

Stalin has ordered the arrest of three senior staff officers.

Proposed extensions to London's Underground have been cancelled under the economy drive.

The Soviet jet engines M-018 and M-012 have components copied from the Rolls-Royce "Nenes" which the Ministry of Supply sold to the Soviet last year.

Soviet agents have been instructed to test the loyalty of senior Communists now touring occupied countries.

Italy may allow Tito to buy a percentage of jet fighters now

in production under British licence in Rome.

Former German Panzer division officers are now serving in the French Foreign Legion.

Five thousand Soviet agents trained in France and Poland are operating a new underground movement in Western Europe.

Denmark will soon take over American bases in Greenland.

Tito has sent an emissary to meet the Chinese Communist Government inner Cabinet.

Britain and Australia have reached agreement on the number of jet fighters to be built for the Empire's aircraft pool.

Britain is to supply Egypt with fighter aircraft and arms under a big contract to be signed in London.

Atlantic Pact Defence Committee members are disputing the amount of arms to be allotted to Germany.

Three big airfields are to be built in Alaska.

Three Swedish factories are building atom bomb proof premises and air shelters.

The Swedish factory, operating war-time shifts, is producing tanks, heavy guns, carbines and V2 spare parts; two aircraft factories are producing 600 m.p.h. fighters.

Eleven British geologists marooned near the South Pole have discovered presence of valuable minerals.

France's atomic research station at Saclay, near Paris, will be completed in 1952.

British and American radio experts are to advise Yugoslav radio how to combat Soviet propaganda.

Dean Acheson has assigned two Russian-speaking FBI detectives to his security guards.

German equipment may be used in an irrigation programme for Africa and a big electrification scheme for India.

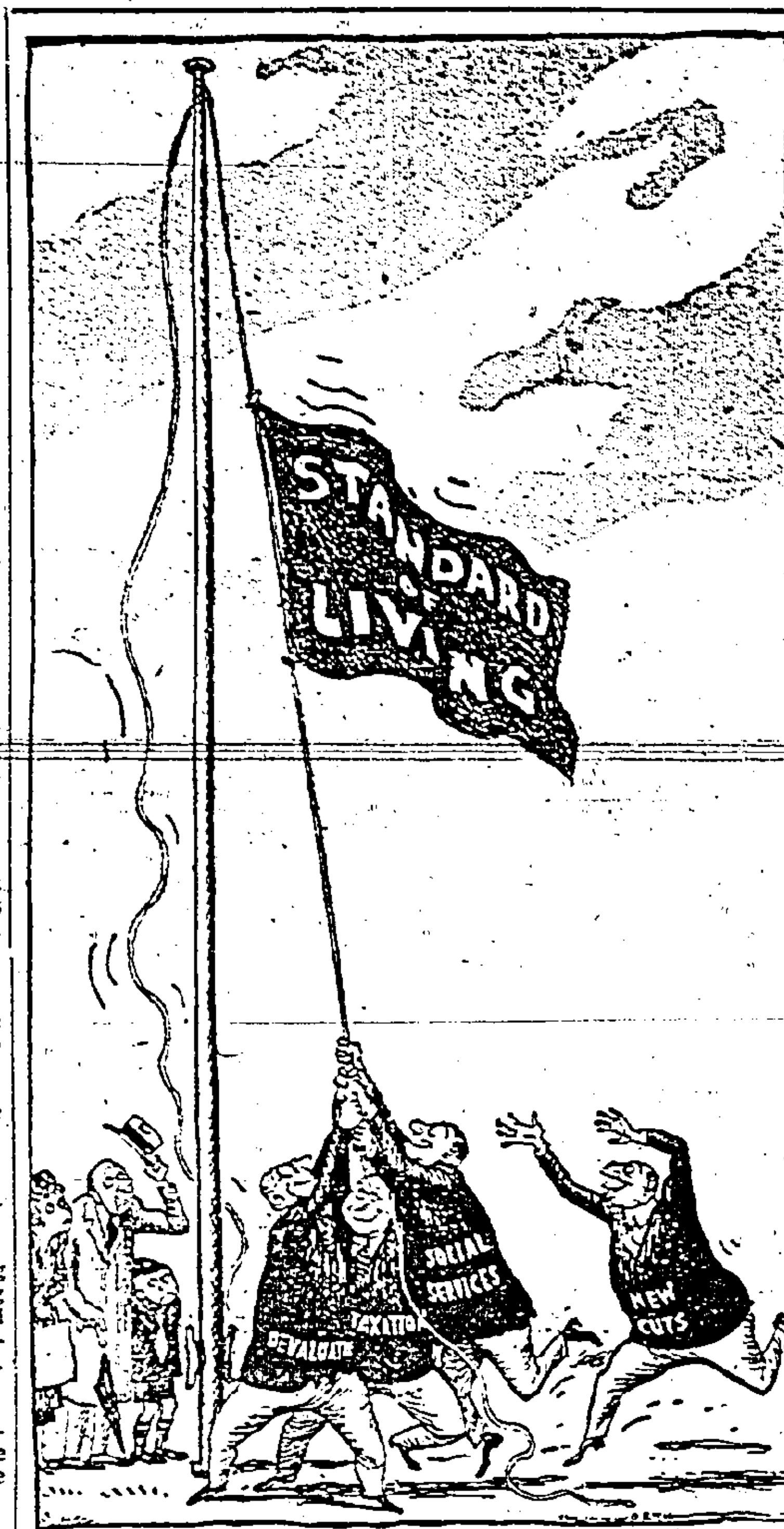
American super-bombers with crews trained in atom bomb technique are undergoing practice tests in Alaska.

FIRST TYPEWRITER

Who invented the typewriter? According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the first patent for a typewriter was granted by England's Queen Anne to a certain Henry Mill in 1714.

But a museum piece discovered by James White in the old world Danish town of Svendborg, shows that one of the very early inventors was a Dane. Alongside a carefully preserved model of what is described as a "writing globe," but looks like an ordinary typewriter built in circular style is an inscription saying that a clergyman, Malling - Hansen, made the prototype of the first type writer in the village of Svendborg in 1857.

Nor does the Danish claim rely only on the truth or otherwise of the museum inscription. Even Danish encyclopaedias state that the inventive Reverend Malling-Hansen was once a teacher at the Deaf and Dumb Institution in Copenhagen, "invented the writing globe, the predecessor of the typewriter."



THE STANDARD-LOWERERS

ATOM DEFENCE

While Russia is now apparently out to race America in building up a supply of atom bombs, the Americans are worrying more and more about methods of defence in case of an atomic attack against the West.

In contrast to the years of intensive scientific research involved in the discovery of the atom, however, the first steps in gaining protection seem comparatively easy.

According to scientists now at work on atomic defence, a drug which offers the best hope of protection from the deadly radiation of an atom bomb explosion is derived from nothing more frightening than the homely asparagus.

Checking up on the scientist's report, correspondent Kay Murray in New York has discovered further details about the new values accorded to asparagus. From this vegetable scientists are extracting huge supplies of Rutin, a drug which strengthens the walls of capillary tubes and so prevents the innumerable small internal ruptures which were one of the first mysterious results of exposure to radio-activity.

Now the Atomic Energy Commission believes the discovery so important that two University of Rochester scientists have been commissioned to find further sources of Rutin and closely related substances.

For those not so scientifically-minded and who already may be planning to stock their larder

GODDESS OF MERCY

A tale coloured by all the centuries-old superstitions of the East comes from correspondent Richard Hughes in Tokyo.

Inquiring into a report that a fabulous statue of the Goddess of Mercy—the Statue of the Thousand Hands—stolen eight months ago from Tokyo's Jōshin-ji Temple, had mysteriously returned, our correspondent discovered that the report was true, and at the same time heard the Head Priest's explanation of why the statue was returned.

According to legend, every person who steals or tries to steal the Goddess inevitably becomes blind. Once before, during the last century, the statue was stolen, only to be returned in horrified penitence by the thief after all his family had become totally blind and he himself was losing his sight.

The latest return of the statue, claims the Head Priest, is almost certainly due to the curse working once again. Which expert opinion, in a land of superstition has been enough to start Tokyo's police on a citywide investigation to discover whether any sudden cases of blindness have been reported by hospitals, or surgeries in the last eight months.

Simple Arithmetic For Sir Stafford

By STEPHEN CAIGER

If Sir Stafford Cripps is in earnest about cutting extravagance he should audit Mr. Tomlinson's accounts. The Ministry of Education is relatively the most lavish of the lot.

Nearly £250,000,000 on the education rates and taxes, compared with £86,000,000 at the end of the war!

No one wants to stint the children. We are all grateful for their improved physique. Much of the new money is undoubtedly well spent.

But millions are wasted. And taxpayers are asking: Where does the money go? What are the children learning?

Learning Less

No one is satisfied but the inner circle of "educationists." Never was so much spent for so little by so few.

A Flintshire alderman has expressed the general view: "The children are learning less and less about more and more."

Teachers complain that the new H.M. inspectors of schools "have no use for good, solid work in the fundamentals."

A head librarian speaks of the deterioration in reading ability: "Children's books in common use before the war are now considered too difficult."

The Navy rejects 40 per cent of school-leavers because of their failure to spell correctly three words out of 20, or to add simple fractions like three-quarters plus one and a quarter.

The Army states that out of every 100,000 National Service men 2,000 are practically illiterate.

Parents, if they want their children to learn anything, are teaching them at home. Employers advertise for "old-fashioned teachers" to teach simple reading and arithmetic to boys of 16 in the Army.

The really up-to-date educationists not only admit it—they boast of it.

"We discard with little regret," declares the eminent Scottish Advisory Council, "the narrow and obsolete view that reading, writing, and arithmetic are the fundamentals of education."

So where does the money go? Astronomical figures, of course, for school building: £160,000 for a single infants school, £10,000 for a school kitchen, £900,000 for a technical college, and so on. Thousands of quite good village schools are being "discontinued" so that palatial central schools may take their place. Hundreds of recently built schools are condemned as not fulfilling some fantastic "standard."

Taxi To School

This, in turn, means transport for the children of outlying areas. London and its adjacent counties spend more than £750,000 a year on this alone. Kent spends £230,000 Surrey £134,000, and every county in England and Wales similar amounts.

Millions of kiddies dash up and down the country on millions of bus journeys while the schools at their doorsteps stand empty and forlorn.

But not all the children go by bus. Many take taxis. One boy in Lancashire costs the rates £3 a week for this alone.

Others have free bicycles or maintenance money if they use their own.

School dinners are a welcome innovation, but they cost money. Mr. Tomlinson promises free dinners for all at an annual cost of £40,000,000 (at present prices), with a further £5,500,000 for free milk.

And school kitchens mean a vast and constantly increasing army of cooks, assistant cooks, washers up, meal supervisors, cleaners, and organisers.

The Ministry of Education has a passion for organisers. Last year another £1,400,000 was added to the estimates for this alone, bringing the total to nearly £3,000,000, as compared with less than £3,000,000 before the war.

Like locusts, these organisers, inspectors, and administrators descend upon the schools during school hours.

No Time To Teach

One head teacher writes that he has no fewer than 12 such visits in one week—not to speak of telephone calls and letters.

No head teacher teaches now; he hasn't time—even with his school secretary, another new job that puts pennies on the rates.

The teachers do not like all this "administration" anymore than the taxpayers. Mr. Tomlinson himself admits "It is no use pretending it has been a roaring success."

The paper and printing alone must cost millions. One school secretary disclosed that she had to fill in 23 forms to obtain a couple of dish-cloths.

School equipment—not for rubbish like text-books or the three Rs, of course, but for "activities" and the "play-way"—is also expensive.

Apart from epidiscopes, cinema projectors, playground roundabouts, dolls' houses, and toys, the children are provided with sports equipment and musical instruments.

Really progressive schools receive sets of brass-band instruments at £250 the set!

In thousands of schools the old oak furniture has been thrown into the yard and natty new desks supplied. Then the new desks squeak on the parquet floor and have to be fitted with silencers at a cost in one school of £50.

Many schools have recently been fitted with beautifully enamelled metallic notices over the wash basins saying WASH NOW.

Knowledge Tours

In secondary schools the inspectors' reports are printed (not cyclostyled) with a confidential copy for each of the 12 governors. And so on ad infinitum.

Millions are spent on "educational journeys." Crocodiles of scholars are conducted to plays or pictures like "Christopher Columbus" (history lesson) or "Treasure Island" (English literature)—in school time, of course, and marked "3" on the registers.

There are trips to Whipsnade (natural history), or to picture galleries (art). Sixty Rhonda Valley schoolboys visit Harrow (culture?), and so on.

School camps (term time) cost a great deal more than the 4s. a week which each child pays for its keep.

School prizes, recently introduced, will cost London education rates more than £22,000 a year.

Expense No Object. Most authorities make grants for school festivities, such as music and drama, and are considering the game for school football associations.

Expensive school ties, caps, badges, and blazers are invented by proud head teachers, and often paid for out of the rates.

"Expense No Object" might well be the national school motto.

But times are changing. Mr. Tomlinson will have to distinguish between the fundamentals and frills. Millions could be cut from his bill without genuine education being one penny the worse for it. It would, in fact, be a great deal better.

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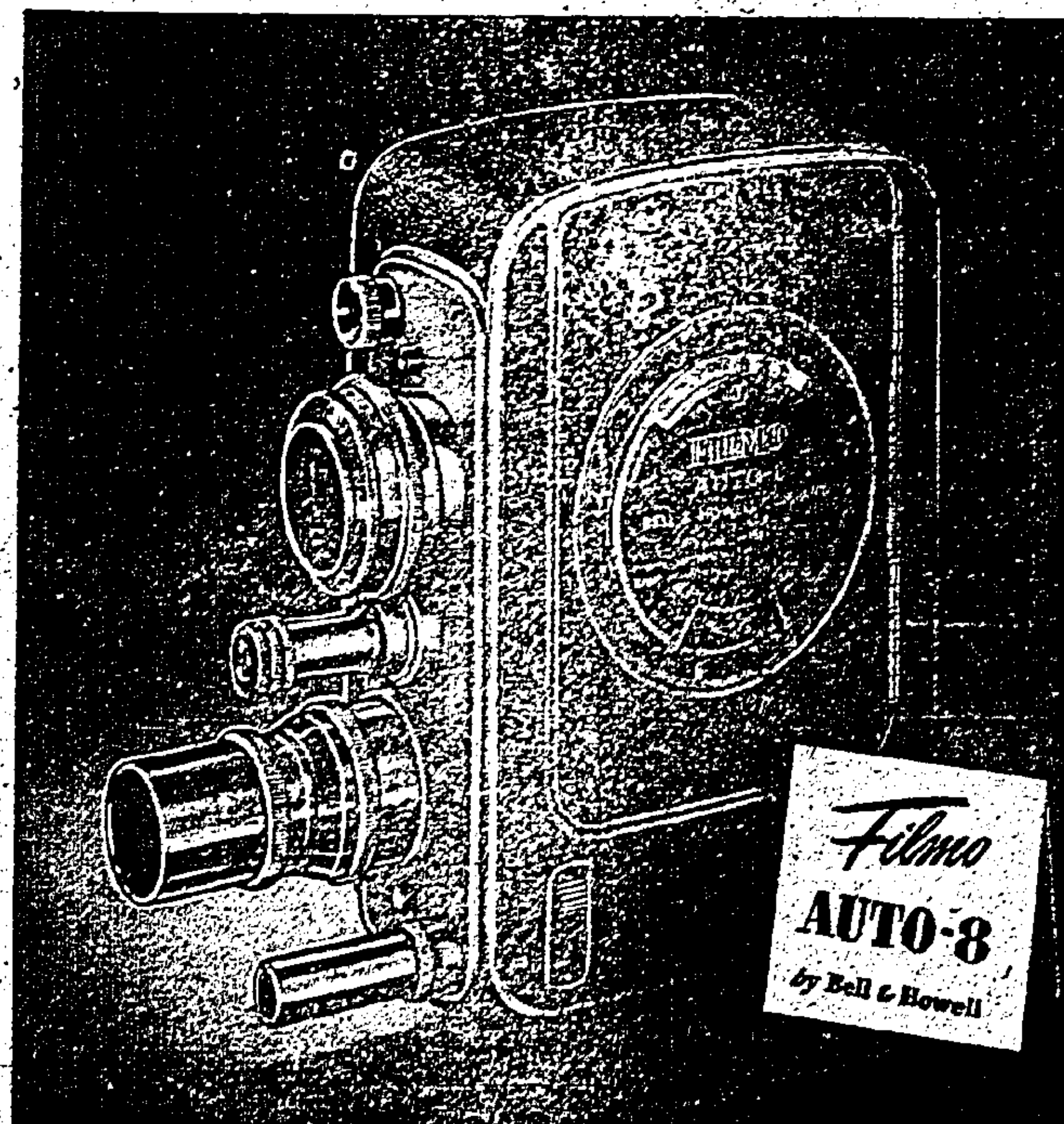
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CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES AT SINGAPORE TALKS

AMERICAN OFFICER RECALLED

Berne, October 28.
The Swiss Federal Council disclosed today that Major Sidwell Moore, assistant to the United States Military Attaché in Berne, has been recalled to the United States at the request of the Swiss Government.

Major Moore, the Council stated, was found to have been in contact with Willie Gerber, a Swiss citizen now charged with espionage.

Gerber is charged with having been a spy for the Axis powers from 1931 to 1939 and for another unnamed state thereafter. Gerber was a mechanic at the Swiss military establishment at Thun.

The Council's announcement concerning Major Moore was made after Leon Nicole, leader of the Swiss Communists, asked the Council whether the American Military Attaché and his assistant were involved in the espionage affair at Thun.

"It is true that Gerber was in contact with the assistant to the American Military Attaché who, in this way, without the knowledge of the Military Attaché or the Minister of the United States in Berne, took up a chain of espionage which had existed during the war," Associated Press.

Millions Of Free Spectacles

London, October 28.
Britain will need 3,000,000 pairs of spectacles next year under the National Health Scheme, the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, estimated today—an increase of 2,100,000 pairs more than this year.

For 1948, when the Scheme had been in force only three months, the number supplied by the Scheme and privately was 4,400,000.

The run on spectacles under the health scheme has caused a waiting list running into many thousands and a delay of anything from a few weeks to six months in obtaining them. Most people have two pairs, one for reading and one for ordinary use.

To reduce the waiting period, the Minister recently ordered that unless urgently required, only one pair should be provided at a time.—Reuter.

SOCIALIST PARTY FOR CYPRUS

Nicosia, October 23.
The new Socialist Party, now being formed in Cyprus, will accept any reasonable constitution that Britain may offer, according to its organizer, Mr. John Clerides, former Mayor of Nicosia.

The new Socialist Party was being organized by several Cypriot mayors to meet in emergency and to end the deadlock which had followed last year's breakdown of the Consultative Assembly.

"Let Britain give Cyprus the constitution that she feels Cypriots are fit for and the new Socialist Party may accept it. Other parties will be only too eager to secure seats in a Cyprus Parliament," he said.—Reuter.

Singapore, October 28.
The Soviet delegate today challenged a survey report of the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East meeting here. This report, he said, "almost suggested" birth control for the area.

The delegate, Mr. S.S. Nemtchina, levelled his criticism during a three-hour clash of ideologies with delegates from seven other countries.

He said that the economic survey attempted to create a population and sought to place all regional evils on increasing population. The survey seemed to suggest a decrease in the birth-rate.

He told the United Nations Commission that large areas of the ECAFE region now fallow could be cultivated by modern methods to meet the needs of a population now considered surplus.

The Russian delegate charged the survey with trying to "cover up exploitation in the ECAFE region by colonial powers."

The United States delegate, Mr. Myron M. Cowen, led a chorus of criticism of Mr. Nemtchina's speech.

Mr. Cowen said that the economy of almost all nations in the ECAFE region had been systematically disrupted by Communist dissident elements.

Nothing But Propaganda
The Soviet speech was "carefully prepared propaganda and dishonest criticism calculated to divert our attention from the true purpose of the Commission,"

The British delegate, Mr. P. J. H. Stent, characterized Mr. Nemtchina's speech as "nothing but propaganda and as an attempt to vilify Western countries."

He said Britain had everything in its favour if comparison was made with Russia about the treatment of dependent peoples. "We have not removed tens of thousands of people from their homes, we have not swallowed up and incorporated into our own State any historic states," Mr. Stent asserted.

He said that the population problem in the ECAFE region was real and acute. Large portions of fallow land were uncultivable.

Out Of Date
Replying to Mr. Nemtchina's criticism of "foreign monopolies" in Burma, Mr. Stent said that several Burmese industries were already nationalised and the Government had on hand a programme of land reform.

Mr. Cowen intervened here to add that Mr. Nemtchina's remarks about Burma were all based on pre-war conditions.

Mr. Ramaghandran (India) said that his country is making a strenuous effort to secure self-sufficiency in food by next year.

A large multi-purpose project on hand would bring many millions of acres under cultivation, he added.

India is also spending five hundred to a thousand million rupees on industrial projects.

After the Malaya, Philippines, Burma and French delegates had briefly replied to Mr. Nemtchina, the Commission passed a resolution expressing satisfaction at the "considerable improvement" effected in the Secretariat's economic survey for 1948.—Reuter.

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Polish Minister Arrested

London, October 28.
News of the arrest of another former Minister in the Polish Government reached London tonight from a usually reliable source.

According to this source, M. Dubiel, former Vice-Minister of the Ministry for Recovered Territories, which has been dissolved, was arrested earlier this month.

He was a Communist and a deputy to the Sejm, the Polish Parliament.—Reuter.

SURPRISE ISRAELI SWITCH

Lake Success, October 28.
Israel announced today that it wants to bypass the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission and negotiate a permanent Holy Land peace settlement directly with each Arab state.

A delegation spokesman said in a formal statement, "Experience has shown that indirect negotiations in which the parties do not see each other, such as those carried out through the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, can be of no further value and even make the situation more difficult."

The Israeli spokesman said if the Arab states were unwilling to accept the proposal for direct talks "we must interpret it as lack of desire of the Arab states to proceed to a peace settlement at this time."

He said that in that case, Israel was content to rest on the existing agreements until a better attitude prevails. By "existing agreement" he meant the series of armistice pacts hammered out by Dr. Ralph Bunche.

Sources close to the Palestine Commission said flatly that the Israeli statement marked "finish" for the ill-fated Palestine Commission unless the Arabs unexpectedly acceded to the demand for direct nation to nation talks.

The Commission, consisting of American, French and Turkish representatives, took over Palestine peace efforts after Dr. Bunche ended his duties as mediator.—United Press.

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Princess May Be Secret Smoker

London, October 28.
Those who frown on the nicotine habit wondered yesterday whether Princess Elizabeth is a secret cigarette smoker. Newspapers published a picture of her private desk and on it was unmistakably an ash tray.

The Princess, part of whose job is to be held up as a model for young folk, had never been seen with a cigarette in public or even at the semi-private functions at which, as some think, a young matron might properly light up.

"So, does the Princess smoke?" Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" headlined its pictures. It left the question unanswered.

The Buckingham Palace press officer said he did not know, but Francis J. Phillips, organising secretary of the National Society of Non-Smokers, accepted the ash tray as evidence and said he was very sorry about it.

"We thought we had both the Princess and her husband Philip down safely in our books as non-smokers," he told a reporter.

Royal Family Non-Smokers
"Women, in conspicuous places in life, could do so much to make non-smoking fashionable. The Society is not downhearted, of course. We just have to work harder."

Nobody else in the Royal family is known to smoke much. "The Queen does not smoke," the press officer said, "and the King smokes so rarely that it is a matter for household comment when he does."

Princess Margaret "has been known to take a puff now and then just for a lark," he said.—Associated Press.

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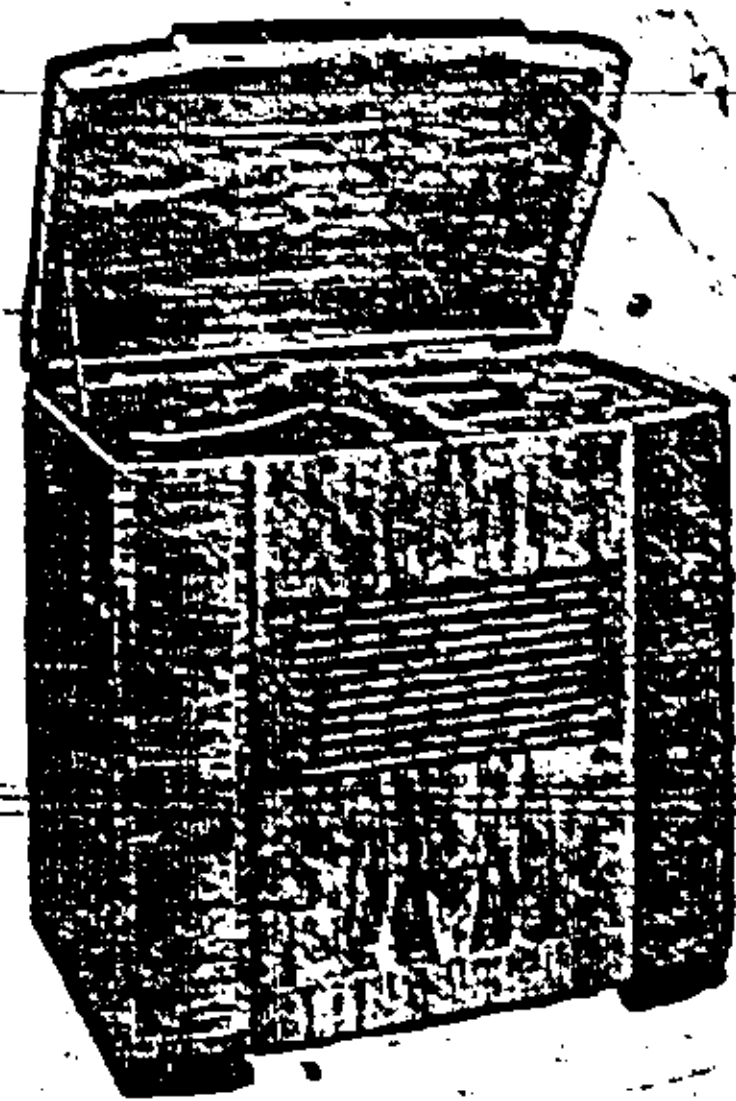
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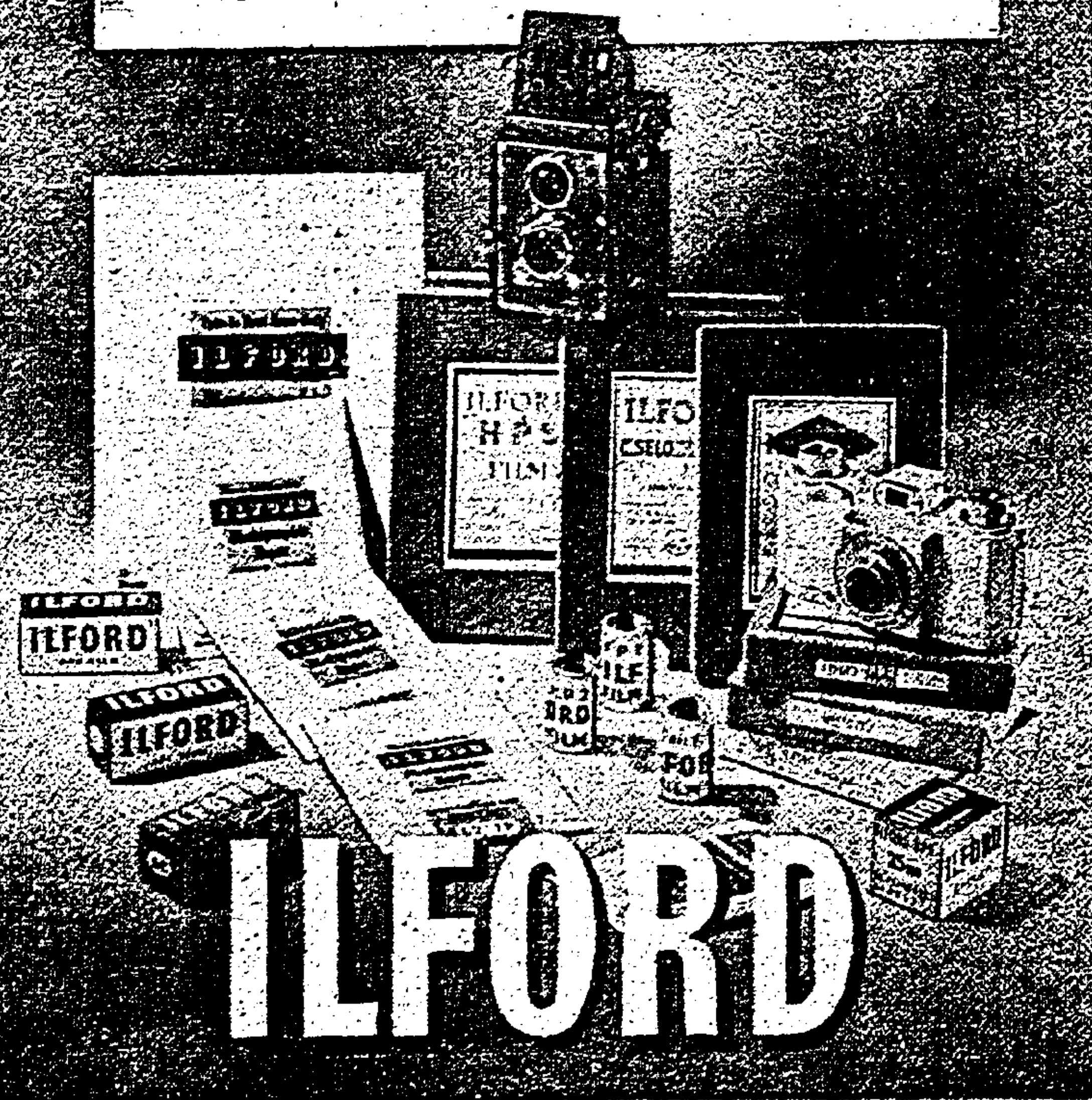
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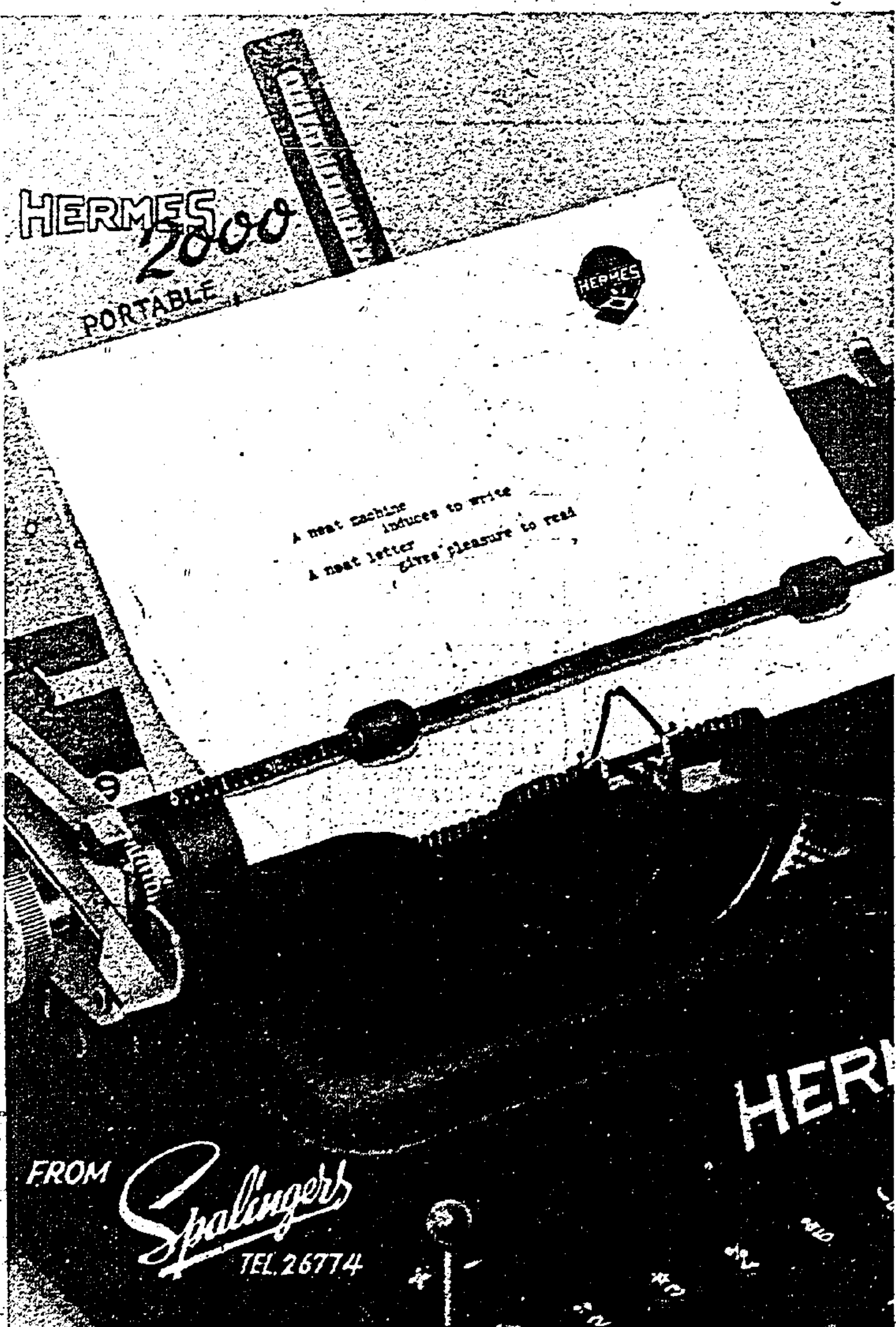
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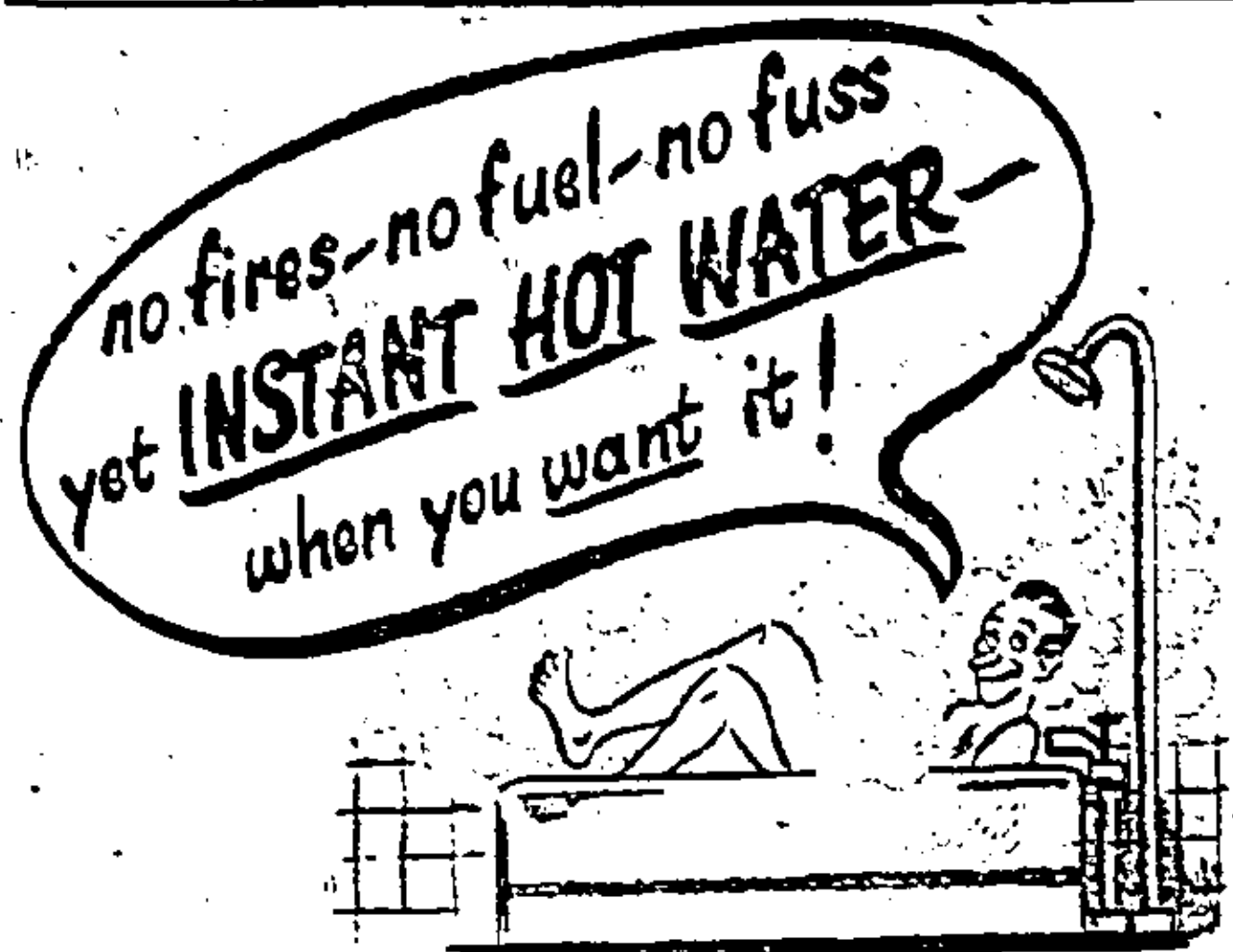
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Man Accused Of Double Murder

London, October 29.

Police scientists today told a Magistrate's Court here today that blood spatters found on the shoes, suit and car of Daniel Raven, accused of a double murder, were the same rare blood type as that of Raven's mother-in-law and father-in-law who were found beaten to death in their London home on October 10.

GODIVA STATUE A DRAW

Coventry, October 29.

They have had to put a fence around Lady Godiva's nudity. It is to keep the Peeping Toms away.

A statue showing the Lady clad only in her tresses sitting side saddle on a horse was unveiled last Saturday.

Almost at once crowds wanting a close look began trampling over the surrounding turf. City officials put up a three-foot high barricade to save the grass.

Lady Godiva rode forth in the nude, legend says, some 900 years ago to shame her husband, the Lord of the town, into giving tax relief to the people.

The townspeople went indoors to let the Lady pass unseen. But one man looked and was struck blind. His eyes were given birth to the term Peeping Tom.

"The statue is proving an unexpected attraction," said one city official.—Associated Press.

URGENT TASK FOR BIDAUT

Paris, October 28.

Premier Georges Bidault, head of the new French middle of the road Government, tonight faced the urgent task of balancing France's 1950 budget, threatened with a gaping 200,000,000-franc deficit.

The leader of the Catholic Popular Republicans took over the Prime Minister's office formally at noon from ex-Premier Henri Queuille. He received a midnight confidence vote from the National Assembly and presented his Government at 3 a.m. to President Vincent Auriol.

About a dozen junior ministerial posts still remained to be filled and M. Bidault planned to announce them late this evening.—United Press.

No 'Get Tough' Policy On American Aid

New York, October 28.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-Operation Administrator, said today before flying to Europe that he was not going with any "get tough policy or any idea of cracking down on Marshall Plan nations."

It had been reported in Washington that Mr. Hoffman intended to caution the recipients of Marshall Aid that there might be no third appropriation for European recovery unless they made good their pledges of mutual assistance by removing trade barriers and payments difficulties.—Reuter.

LABOUR POLICY ATTACKED

London, October 28.

The Labour Government, smarting under its narrowest confidence vote in Parliament since 1945, was attacked by its own Left Wing today for an "uninspiring" presentation of its economy programme.

The Conservatives polled 222 votes against the Government's 353 on a vote of censure last night. It was the climax of a two-day debate on the Government's programme to reduce spending.

The highest vote the opposition has garnered in four years has been 212 votes.

The "Tribune" weekly organ of the Labour Party's Left Wing said today that there was need for unpopular action, but added that does not excuse the Government for not presenting cuts in a more understandable and stimulating way. Whatever the explanation, the first announcements in the House of Commons and over the wireless lacked vitality and failed to bring home the direct part which the Government may play in forwarding the policy of securing full recovery.

The "Economist," in one of its most bitter attacks on the Government, labelled its economic programme "salvation by feasible."

It said the Ministers had warned in advance of a drastic programme of real sacrifices to meet the emergency, "but all that emerges is a catalogue of feasible."

It attacked the Government as incapable of governing, but added that the cuts on agricultural subsidies and imposition of a charge for drug prescriptions constituted the "first tiny evidence of willingness to change policies that have been proven mistaken"—United Press.

ACHESON ACCUSES CZECHOSLOVAKIANS

Washington, October 29.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, today scornfully rejected espionage charges brought against United States diplomats in Prague by Czechoslovakia's Communist Government, calling the charges obviously trumped up to intimidate the Czech people.

Mr. Acheson hurled his own accusations at Prague's Red regime for police-state methods and diplomatic discourtesy.

At the same time, Mr. Acheson said conformity with standard diplomatic practice required the United States to accede to the Czech Government's request for removal of two American Embassy employees from the country. That has been done.

A third employee, lacking diplomatic status, has been arrested and the Embassy has been making a determined effort to establish contact with him in prison, Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Acheson blasted away at the spy charges in a statement with which he opened his news conference today. He said a formal protest to the Czech Government is in preparation.

The three Embassy employees involved in the Czech charges are Isaac Patch and John G. Heyn, described as Assistant Attaches, and Samuel Meryn, a clerk. All worked in the Prague Embassy's political department. Meryn is a naturalized American citizen of Czech origin.

Heyn was accused of spying on Czech industry and trying to learn State secrets about industrial production and commercial relations. He was also accused of using Czech citizens to gather such information. Patch and Meryn were accused five days ago of directing an espionage ring.

"Ridiculous"

Patch left the country within the 24-hour limit the Czech Government set when it declared him no longer acceptable. Heyn was already out of Czechoslovakia when the charges were proclaimed against him yesterday. In Munich, Heyn called the spy charge ridiculous.

Meryn was gaoled by the Czechs last Friday.

So far, American officials have been unable to see the imprisoned clerk. A despatch from Prague disclosed that James K. Penfield, U.S. Charge d'Affaires there, filed an official protest about that yesterday.

Shortly after the protest was delivered to the Czech Foreign Office, Mr. Penfield reported, he was told that American officials were perfectly free to see Meryn. This permission later was cancelled, Mr. Penfield said, and no meeting took place.

Trumped Up

Mr. Acheson said the expulsion of Patch and Heyn and the arrest of Meryn were based on charges "obviously trumped up in order to intimidate further the local population and lay the grounds for further trials of the kind which is now common in the

MARSHES MURDER CHARGE

London, October 28.

Brian Donald Hume, 38-year-old Londoner, was tonight charged with the murder of Stanley Setty, the London car-dealer.

Hume will appear in a Magistrate's court tomorrow.

Since Setty's body was found punctured with seven slits, thrusts, Scotland Yard detectives have carried out a deep probe of London's gang-land.

They have questioned scores of known underworld characters, searched clubs and bars, and uncovered "used car" rackets.

The theory they have worked on is that Setty's body, after being clumsily sawn up, was dumped on the marshes from a low-flying plane.

Among those the police are reported to have questioned in their search for clues is a blonde friend of the murdered man.

Setty, aged 44, vanished on October 6 with it, it is said, £1,500 in £5 notes in his pocket.

A duck hunter found his headless, legless torso, wrapped in a carpet, on a bleak tidal marsh on the English South East coast. This was five days ago.

The duck hunter, Mr. Sidney Tiffin, today claimed a £1,000 reward offered by Setty's relatives.—Reuter.

Defence Of Northern Europe

London, October 28.

The Defence Ministers of Denmark and Norway, accompanied by senior service officers, are due here this week-end to set up the Northern Regional Defence Group of the Atlantic Pact.

Talks will open in London between the Defence Ministers and Service chiefs of the three powers concerned—Britain, Norway and Denmark—on Monday afternoon.

The Northern Regional Defence Group is the first of the new regional groups set up by the Atlantic Pact Defence Ministers in Washington earlier this month to get down to business.

The Group composed of the Western Union powers has, of course, been fully functioning for some time and will provide a model for the new groups.

The Southern and North Atlantic Ocean Regional Groups are reliably expected to hold their first meetings in London some time next month.—Reuter.

Burma Mass Execution

Rangoon, October 28.

Twenty-three persons—among them Mr. N. C. Paul, an Indian Christian—were executed by a firing squad at the Prime headquarters of the combined People's Volunteer Organisation Communist insurgent administration 100 miles North of Rangoon, according to an unofficial report reaching here today.

The report said that 45 Burma Government officials, who were captured by the insurgents as they occupied the Central Burma districts of Prome and Tharawaddy early this year, were tried by a people's court on a charge of "betraying the masses."

In a single day's sitting, the court sentenced 23 officials to death and 15 others to various terms of imprisonment. Seven officials were acquitted, the report added.—Reuter.

"YARD" FOILED

London, October 28.

A loophole in the gold regulations today stymied what informed sources said Scotland Yard had hoped would be a "test case" which would give them a precedent to crack down on owners of "illicit gold."

Two dealers were brought to the Bow Street magistrate's court on summonses charging them with illicit dealing in gold, but one case was dismissed and the other defendant was fined £1 when it was discovered that the gold was in strips and not in gold bars or bullion.

Exchange control legislation requires all bullion gold to be offered through registered dealers, but the gold held by these two dealers was not affected because it was not in bars.—United Press.

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Electric Fishing

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Big developments in the world's fishing industry are promised by electrical experiments which have been carried out in Norway and Sweden.

According to a statement issued by the Norwegian Government the electric method of fishing is a complete revolution in the fishing industry, and enables an exploitation of the seas' riches on a scale never before contemplated.

The principle of the new technique is simple. Two electrodes (the poles of a galvanic battery) are placed in the water and are subjected to a certain tension and strength of current. The fish, within a certain radius move towards one of the electrodes. If the tension is great enough the fish are paralysed and die.

This method has been successfully employed in Swedish rivers, where spectacular catches of salmon-trout have resulted. But the Swedes have not obtained encouraging results in salt water. Owing to the considerable conductive qualities of salt water, it has not been possible to use the quantities of electric energy necessary to create an electric field of sufficient strength in the sea.

This problem the new Norwegian invention is now believed to have solved. A German engineer, who worked in the machine tools industry in the years before the Second World War, and who was sent into a concentration camp after the Nazis overran the country, has now recovered from his ordeal and is leading the experiments.

Practical Tests

Large scale practical tests are to be carried out at sea by a vessel which has been specially equipped for the purpose.

On the preliminary tests indicate that unprecedented catches can be won by electricity, but that by adjusting the electric tension discrimination can be made between large and small fish. It can thus be ensured that only fish above a certain size are taken.

By allaying the electric fishing apparatus to the increasingly popular "echo sounder", which Dr. W. C. Hodgson expounded at this summer's meeting of the Royal Society at Newcastle, England it is hoped that the problem of locating and estimating shoals has not only been simplified but brought to the stage when catches thus traced can be taken with a high degree of certainty.

Anyway it seems that the old "feeling-wire" method of finding shoals in the ring-net fishing industry is being outmoded.

Patents for the new Norwegian "electric fishing" apparatus have now been taken out in Norway, Great Britain and other countries.

Not only has the use of electricity come to the aid of the herring, cod, haddock, halibut, and other branches of industrial fishing, but also to commercial tunny fishing.

Steadily Developed

The latter has been steadily developed in the Sound between Sweden and Denmark and in the Kattegat since the war, when tunny first began to appear in these Northern waters regularly and in large numbers in August-October.

In Copenhagen a wire line has been manufactured suitable for an ordinary tunny-fishing boat and in the boat it is continuously attached to an electric battery. Thus, when the tunny bites the baited hook it is immediately electrocuted and the chances of

By JOHN HALLOWS

Dear manufacturers and work-people of Britain:

I beg to submit a report on the state of American markets in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Fort Worth, Tucson, Arizona, Detroit, and Washington. Since I left 15 days ago on a 150,000-mile air tour of these places, much has happened.

Selling Limit

Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps, Inc. have not evaluated the U.S. market yet. I can only tell you that the U.S. markets are selling nearly the limit of British goods as at present manufactured, and from the point of view of the uncommercial factor of devotion, means we get fewer dollars for the goods we can sell right now.

The market is a tough one. One, I fear (but surely should not be), surprised to find Americans are living in 1948. The war is over. They say they have tried to get out for three years, and they have done enough.

I have talked to General Marshall, Senator Vandenberg, an old friend of Britain, Mr. I. E. Chadwick, President of Independent Film Producers, Tom Joyce, editor of New York, and a few hundred others. They all say the same thing—"30 per cent of our income goes in taxes. If there are any dollars going we want them."

They are worried about threats of crippling strikes in the steel, motor-car, and house building trades. In a few months, if all of these strikes materialise the U.S. economic master of the world, with many millions of amazingly hard workers operating on the richest continent—may rush down to depression high speed.

So no more British goods will be sold in the U.S. on charity. Our efforts will meet stern political defence from the home manufacturers.

Despite these barriers Britain now finds it easy to sell whisky, Scotch whiskeys, high quality cotton goods and some motor cars.

Dear Scotch

Scotch whisky is so highly prized in the bars that few can afford it. Garage cars and take-away food are the only luxuries for high quality cotton is necessary limited, and the American is so tired that we could not this summer supply all he wanted.

In detail I would make these recommendations to you. **ARTHUR HANK:** Your job comes first, and if necessary I think you should be subsidised. Hollywood, even with its great technical resources, is afraid of simple pictures like "Brief Encounter".

Chadwick told me: "The English are interested in people, we in things." Hollywood makes its money by selling human stories, highly polished, to the world. You can tell those stories more colourfully. Sell simple British films to simple American families, and British clothes, cars, food, and, above all, manners will be sold to them as at present American tastes are sold to the world.

BRITISH RAYON MANUFACTURERS: We all know British rayon interests in the U.S. were sold out cheaply to pay for cash-and-carry goods in the early days of the war. Yet still in California

its getting away are reduced to a minimum.

This technique has been successfully tried out by international tunny-fishers in the Sound this summer and will probably become almost universal amongst non-sports fishermen when they attack the tunny for sheer profit next season.

Thus does science keep pace with the increasing demands for food by the swelling population of the world. Thus in many lands the consumer may look forward to a more stable fish supply and the commercial fishermen to steadier profits.

and the hot places where people love to wear bright clothes in bright sunshine your rayon suits for men (not yet seen in Britain) at 27s a time are considered marvellous.

They are still, however, traditional in style. Can we not make them in the bright colours and patterns these sun-loving people like?

Quality Shirts

THE LANCASHIRE COTTON MANUFACTURERS' Long ago Lancashire sold 300,000,000 yards of cheap cloth a year to India—a market now almost completely lost.

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Amuse Them

To Everyone: The Americans have more food and more clothes than they know what to do with. Any new things they buy must interest and amuse them. Britons must invent things that do just that—and we must advertise. The biggest crowd last Saturday night on Broadway was around a furniture show that said: "All the mystery of the glamorous East with the solidity of the sturdy West. Here is the 'Chinese Chipendale' they want it. They will buy it. Let's make it."

CAPTURED CHILDREN

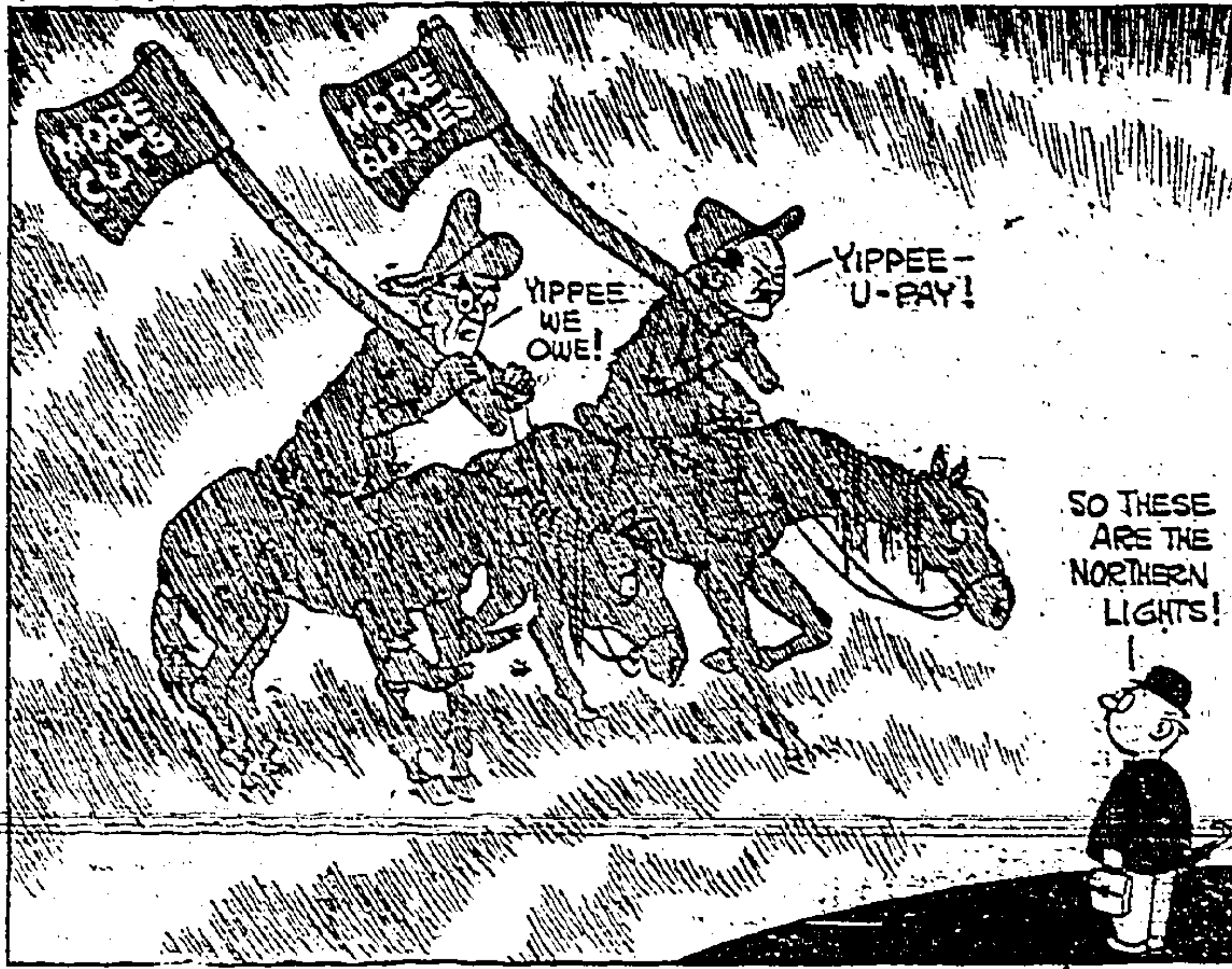
With the Greek Government's long battle against the guerrillas victoriously over, Keith Butler reports from Athens that further evidence has been discovered telling the full story of the thousands of Greek children who were abducted by the guerrillas and herded across the border to camps in Russia's satellite states.

It is estimated that over 30,000 children were "captured" in this way. Hundreds of them—many not more than 12 years old—were sent to special military training camps run by Greek traitors.

After a short stay at these first-stage camps, the children were then transferred to a larger camp in Slovakia where the military programme was intensified. According to the new evidence now in the hands of the Greek General Staff, it was in this camp that the children were dressed in Russian uniforms and forced to speak, and even sing, in the Slav language.

In addition to their military training they were also given regular lessons teaching them the "splendour of the Communist cause" and pointing out to them how their parents were losing their freedom by trusting "the Imperialists from the West."

Not were these lessons given in vain. In interviews with members of the Greek General Staff, our correspondent has been told how the majority of the children now freed are notably anti-Greek and military-minded in all they say. Many of them even prefer to stay under canvas in the army conditions of the reception camps than to return home to their parents.



GHOST RIDERS IN THE SKY

PRODIGY AT THE PIANO

By PERCY CATER

Frederic Chopin, leaving behind him his renown as a piano virtuoso—incomparable, they called him—and a new world of literature for the instrument, died in Paris 100 years ago today.

He left no wealth in the ordinary sense. Owing to ill-health he had been reduced to poverty. The money of Jane Stirling, the Scottish pupil, the most prosaic and really the finest of the women who had worshipped his genius, helped to sustain his last days.

But many a millionaire has sunk without trace. Chopin is immortal. His name shines among those of the giants of music.

For a century the masters of the keyboard have sought to excel in Chopin much as great actors have regarded Shakespearean success as the final proof of eminence. The indomitable amateurs of most countries have long striven, to the extremity of their technique, to body forth what is perhaps the most elusive poetry of the piano.

For Chopin life was short, and not very gay. He was 39 when the consumption which had ravaged him for years won its cynical campaign.

Astonishing Rallies

The mark of doom was on Chopin when, in 1838, he made his small and only British "tour." By then he had sometimes to be carried about.

Beethoven's comment that Chopin had been "dying all his life" loses its apparently out-of-place cleverness when it is realised that Paris had grown used to the other-worldliness of Chopin's looks, the astonishing rallies when he had been given up for lost.

Even towards the last phase the playing, which had fascinated with its colour, fluency, and ease retained much of its old magic, though the tonal scheme became more pastel-like and the flusher had the futility of an expiring flame.

On a short-term view, however, life had had its satisfactions. Before blight and melancholy set in, the career had been as brilliant as could be desired.

Early Mastery

The child prodigy had had the warm embraces and high-bred cossetings of his native Warsaw. When, at 21, Chopin reached Paris, in prospect a mere stage in his journeyings but due to

become his home for the rest of his life, he was a superb artist, strangely mature.

The Twelve Grand Studies, dedicated to Liszt (including the "Revolutionary"), already achieved, attest his early mastery of the instrument. With their 12 successors, dedicated to Liszt's mistress, they have long figured in the concert programmes of the world.

Something had come to Chopin with the blood of the well-born Polish mother—the good French father had married above his class. No heredity explained the music. Chopin, unlike Bach, was no culmination of a dynasty. But there was an instinctive refinement, a touch of the aristocratic, which was to pervade his work.

And there was grace of bearing. Chopin had grown up among Poland's great families. Early environment had fitted him for the wit, and the most sophisticated capital of Europe. His tone of elegance made it impossible for him to save.

Chopin was content to leave the conquests of the multitude to Thalberg, Liszt, and others. He would play for the public when he needed the money. But the scene for his more delicate art was the concert intime.

Chopin has been called the supreme lyrical poet of the piano. No writing has been more sensitive to the spirit of the instrument. Even in the most "symphonic" textures the eloquence with which the piano speaks is authentically that of the piano's own domain.

Chopin can be plaintive enough to suit the saddest. Those who want to think that way can imagine him, in this or that Nocturne, Mazurka or Prelude, brooding over his own woes or the wrongs of Poland.

But there is a mass of cheerful life, ardour, fun. Look at the Waltzes.

Set Feet Tapping

The drama and beauty of the Polishes are not a mystery confined just for musicians. No man can help tapping his feet to the fine swag of the "Military" and the "Heroic." Chopin evolved the Ballade to give himself space for his surging inventiveness. To the player who can properly perform the tempestuous finale of the F Minor the thing is its own reward.

The Scherzos show again that to Chopin tonality was as flexible as the play of light. By the grace of Heaven, moreover, most of Chopin's work—note what splendour his modulation will give a simple air—can no more be ripped from its setting than you can gash a piece of loveliness out of the sky.

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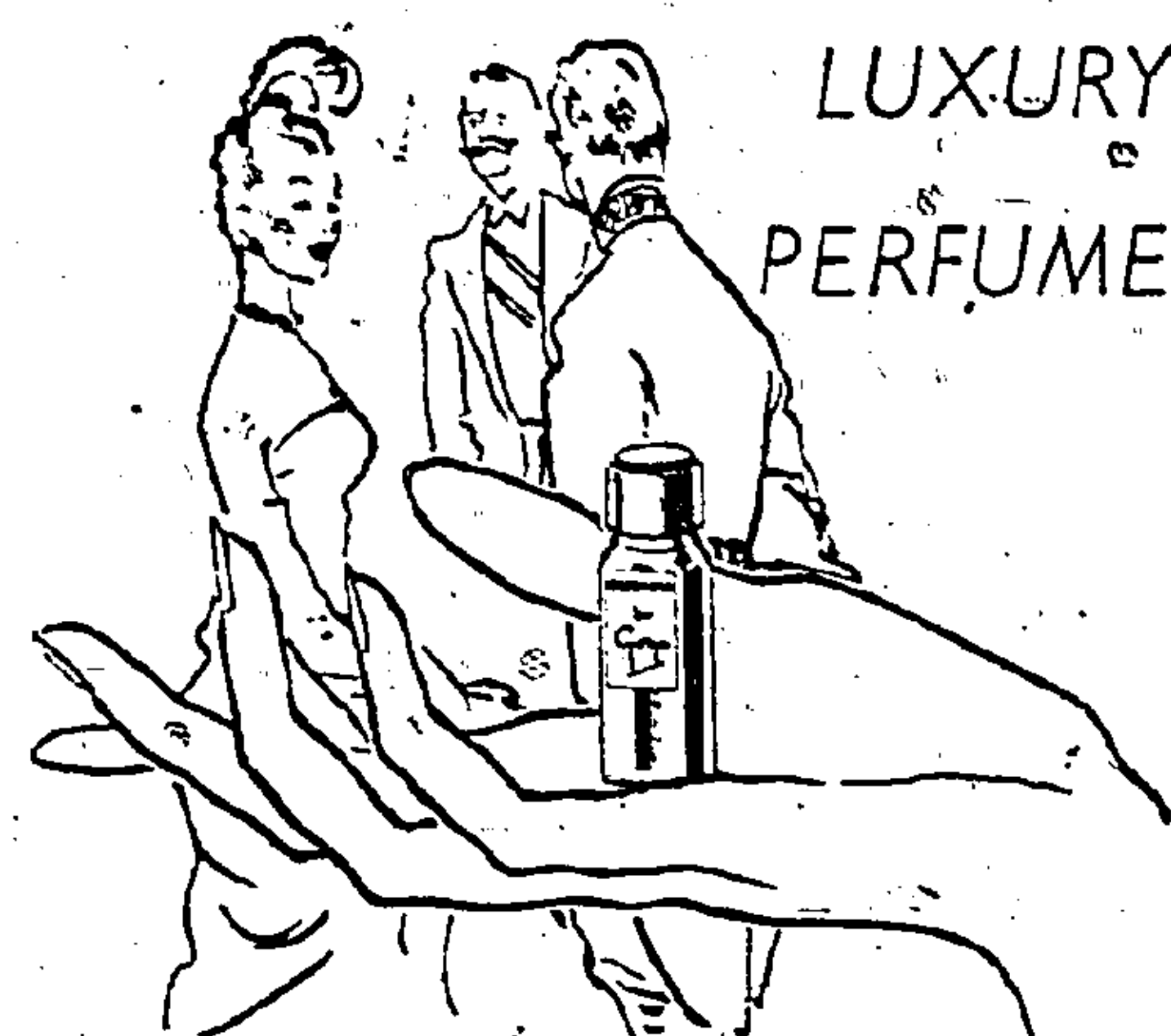
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HE IS A MAYOR WHO WAITS FOR THE HOUR

Berliners are cynical in political matters. Wedged between two worlds, bullied by some, cajoled by others, drawn and quartered into four different sectors each governed by alien military, they know better than most what it feels like to be a pawn on the international chessboard.

Meeting on the ruined Tiergarten, on the Pariser Platz or the smart Kurfuerstendamm, they will exchange jokes, usually unflattering ones about "them"—the occupiers. They will say bitterly: "The world has forgotten about us."

The past few days have proved them wrong. Berliners were remembered in the East and in the West. But first there occurred an event which, though it went almost unreported, meant the end of a phase: the Allied airlift, came officially to an end. It had fed Berliners, clothed them, kept them warm, and made their jobs secure during the dark days of the Soviet blockade.

Now, with the end of Russia's deliberate policy of intimidation, it left the stage clear for negotiations, for political victories rather than victories of force. And the politicians' reactions were not long in coming.

Two Moves

First, in the West. Sitting in his half-finished concrete building in Bonn, the West German Republic's Assembly, the "Bundestag" passed, by the largest majority so far, a resolution that West Berlin should join the republic as its 12th Land, or province.

From the East came news of two moves: Russia was pulling out of Berlin and its stogie, the Socialist Unity Party, headed by veteran Communist Wilhelm Pieck and Otto Grotewiel, had formed an East German Government. In this, the hand of the Kremlin could plainly be seen. But what of the Bonn move? Who was behind it?

Action there emanates from one man. He is short, plump, smiling, wears his hair long, like an artist, walks about with a stick and is coiffed with an incongruous French beret.

Herr Reuter is a strange, remarkable man. A politician by choice, he has the gift of never being far away from the common people. A theorist in matters of civil administration, he can work 18 hours at a stretch to put his theories into practice. A German patriot, he spent 12 years in exile and on his return spoke better Turkish than German.

When the air lift was on and Berlin was encircled by a ring of steel, an American general, sent up Reuter pretty accurately. "He is worth 200 air lift planes a day," he remarked.

Reuter was everywhere, did everything, saw everything in his own sphere of work. In his office in the British sector his telephone never stopped ringing.

At his home police messengers called every hour with new problems, and new information about Berlin's plight. A factory had to close down. There was not enough milk for children's nurseries. A gang of juvenile toughs was getting out of hand.

Reuter would listen, nod, puff blue cigar smoke in front of him and go ahead.

Plain Words

To Berliners looking up at him as he went on his rounds, he would smile. To Allied officials he would grimly set out facts, argue his case, sparring no one, not even himself and his subordinates.

To the Soviet and their Berlin stooges, Ernst Reuter was poison, and still is. A well-known saying in Europe today explains this.

By JOHN
LARRAINE

"The Kremlin can forgive a man for not being a Communist, but it never forgets a man who was once a Communist and is that no longer."

Ernst Reuter is such a man. He was one of the few foreigners who officiated at the birth of the Soviet State, and there are not many of them left.

In the first World War, Reuter was a sergeant on the Eastern front. In the summer of 1918, wounded in the leg, he was captured by the Russians. It took 13 days to evacuate him and other prisoners to Yverdon. By the time he got there, Reuter knew enough Russian to realise that there was little fight left in the Czar's soldiers.

In six months, he could speak Russian fluently and when the October Revolution came about, his political views—he had been a Social Democrat—were sufficiently Left-Wing for him to feel in complete sympathy with it.

The grapevine of soldiers' Soviets and people's councils sent his name right up to the man who directed it all—Lenin. Reuter was called to Moscow, perfunctorily looked over by the leader and sent South, as political commissar, to the German-speaking Volga Soviet Republic.

But back in Berlin two years later, Ernst Reuter the German found Moscow's orders unpalatable. He edged about, almost lost his confidence, skirted around political heresy and then dropped Communism for good. It would not work in Germany, he believed.

The Red Light

For a time, he worked with that idealistic group of Left-wing Socialists, the Spartacus League, led by Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, whom the Nazis later liquidated.

When Hitler seized power, Reuter, then serving on the Bremen city council as a housing expert, was contemptuous. Twice imprisoned, he saw the red light with a toothbrush and the sum of £2.10s. he made his way across the Czech border.

In Istanbul, haven for so many refugees, he found peace and a job. He was a lecturer of political science at the University. It was there that, 12 years later, he received an invitation from the Allies in Berlin to return home.

The Berlin "Magistrat" needed just such a man as Reuter, knowledgeable, efficient, and incorruptible. Within a year, councilors met to elect him "Oberbürgermeister."

As the hands went up a Soviet officer looking down from a gallery rose and left. Two hours later a curt note from the Russians came stating that the election was "illegal" and therefore would not be recognised.

Works Fast

Ernst Reuter was mayor of Berlin in the eyes of the people and the British, French and American commanders. For the Russians he was a "war-monger," a capitalist stooge, an "emigre saboteur," a "buyer of votes." But Reuter went to work, his authority extending over three of the four sectors.

Today Reuter and his grey-haired wife, Hanna, live in a small villa in Zehlendorf, a suburb under United States control. He is up at 6.30 every morning and reading newspapers in German, French, English and Russian over breakfast an hour later. His daily rounds may include a visit to a hospital, a long session over rebuilding plans, a conference with Allied Commanders. He works fast, keeping two secretaries busy most of the day. His only luxury, cigars, herald him everywhere.

"Where there is blue smoke," Berliners say, "there is Reuter." And where there is a spark Reuter is there also, for he has a gift for driving people and making them feel enthusiastic about humdrum tasks.

Berlin is Ernst Reuter's job, and the capital's future is his mission. He knows that so long as Berlin remains divided and isolated from the West by the Soviet-controlled Potsdam it cannot prosper. Out of 700,000 workers, 230,000 are out of work; the city treasury pays out nearly £800,000 a month in unemployment benefits.

People's Faith

Ruined by the war which its erstwhile leaders started, Berlin cannot pay its way. Its markets to the East cannot be reached, those in the West have long been conquered by firms which started up after the war in the Western zones.

Commodities are scarce, raw materials even scarcer. But Berlin, once a proud capital, must live, and Reuter believes that the only way it can save itself is by being accepted into the body of the Bonn Republic.

"Every German should share Berlin's burden," he says, and the Bonn vote last week shows that most are ready to shoulder their responsibilities.

For weeks past Reuter himself has been flying back and forth between Berlin and Bonn. At the rostrum of the "Bundestag," his stocky figure, his mane of rebellious grey hair, his whole attitude are for other Germans the embodiment of Berlin, the vile yet sophisticated capital. Colourful, enduring, courageous, he cannot be ignored.

In Germany today Ernst Reuter, the one-time Communist commissar, is a man in whom all democratic-minded people have faith.

ICELAND VOTING

Reykjavik, October 28. The final results of the Icelandic general elections tonight showed that the Conservative Party had won 19 seats with 39.5 per cent of all votes cast.

The Communists lost one seat and retained nine, with 19.5 per cent. The Agrarian Party won 17 seats (24.5 per cent of the total). The Social Democrats lost two seats and retained seven (16.5 per cent)—Reuter.



Finger-Prints May Help To Check The Reds

By EDWARD BISHOP

They are inking-up the finger-print smudges pads in the sunlit East African colony of Kenya.

Do they expect a crime wave, a minor invasion from Chicago? No. They are putting into effect new legislation—legislation that forces every male, coloured or European, aged 16 or over, to line up for a finger-print parade.

The grimed thumb contours of millions of Africans, Asians and Europeans living in East Africa are being imprinted on an identity card—the first ever to embrace all races in Kenya.

Now, all this may sound like "super-Gestapo stuff." And there are critics in the Colony who bewail it in the bars and clubs of Nairobi as yet another loss of freedom.

One can understand this outlook. The average Briton, now suddenly accustomed to loss of personal freedom implied by the law's demand to carry an identity card, still retains an indelible repugnance to the very indignity implied by finger-printing.

But in East Africa this new law has become essential. The authorities are sensible in taking such an obviously unpopular step. East African security must be tightened.

Uganda Outbreak

The recent outbreak of serious rioting in Uganda spotlights the dangers that lie ahead if, in haste to promote social and economic developments, Whitehall were to deal lackadaisically with security measures.

This question is of far more than local interest, since it affects the vital British Commonwealth military, naval and air bases in the territories of Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda.

Changed conditions in the Middle and Far East—namely the British withdrawal into the Canal Zone, the birth of a Jewish State in Palestine and India's new status—have produced a fresh approach towards the setting up of the most feasible strategic arrangement for the British Commonwealth.

In any future conflict—or even minor upheaval—British forces operating, or hoping to operate, in the Middle and Far East will be based upon East Africa.

Army And Navy

Work is progressing on the new Army supply depot at Mombasa Road, 70 miles out from Mombasa on the Nairobi road.

The Royal Navy is making itself at home at the East African ports of Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam. Later, the much publicised "Port Peanut" at Mombasa—under construction for the export of Mr. Strachey's groundnut crop and other African resources—should also be available.

Then there are the air bases at Dar-es-Salaam and Nairobi, suitable for Coastal Command. And from Eastleigh airport at Nairobi bomber support could be given.

Hence, with East African bases under preparation, and with the Colonial Office pursuing a gradual "educating-up" policy among the Africans, now is the time for the strictest security measures.

Communism is not at present as dangerous a factor in East Africa as it is in South Africa. But it could easily creep in, and insidiously itself among the agitation was behind the riots in Uganda, for instance.

How are Communists trying to put a foot in the African door? I quote Mr. Paul Mboya, an African member of the Central Legislative Assembly, who was in Kampala (Uganda's capital) during the riots. He says: "The Uganda trouble was caused by Communist agents."

There's the answer, plain and simple. Agents are already at work, spreading the Kremlin gospel.

Many of them are ex-students who came to Britain and were engaged by the Communist Party here. They have returned to Africa—the partially educated among the run-of-the-mill and associated themselves with shady political movements.

Safety First
To take every possible safety measure now is the surest way to make certain that the bases will be untainted in the future. It is also in the interest of the Africans themselves, to whom it is the policy of the present Government to hand over power when they are considered to be ready for this great responsibility. It is hoped that, by that time sufficient appreciation of the benefits of free association among the natives of the British Commonwealth will have been instilled, and that the peoples of East Africa will join the family on a basis of equal partnership. Meanwhile, the temporary indignity of inky fingers seems a small price to pay as a means towards the safety of the Commonwealth.



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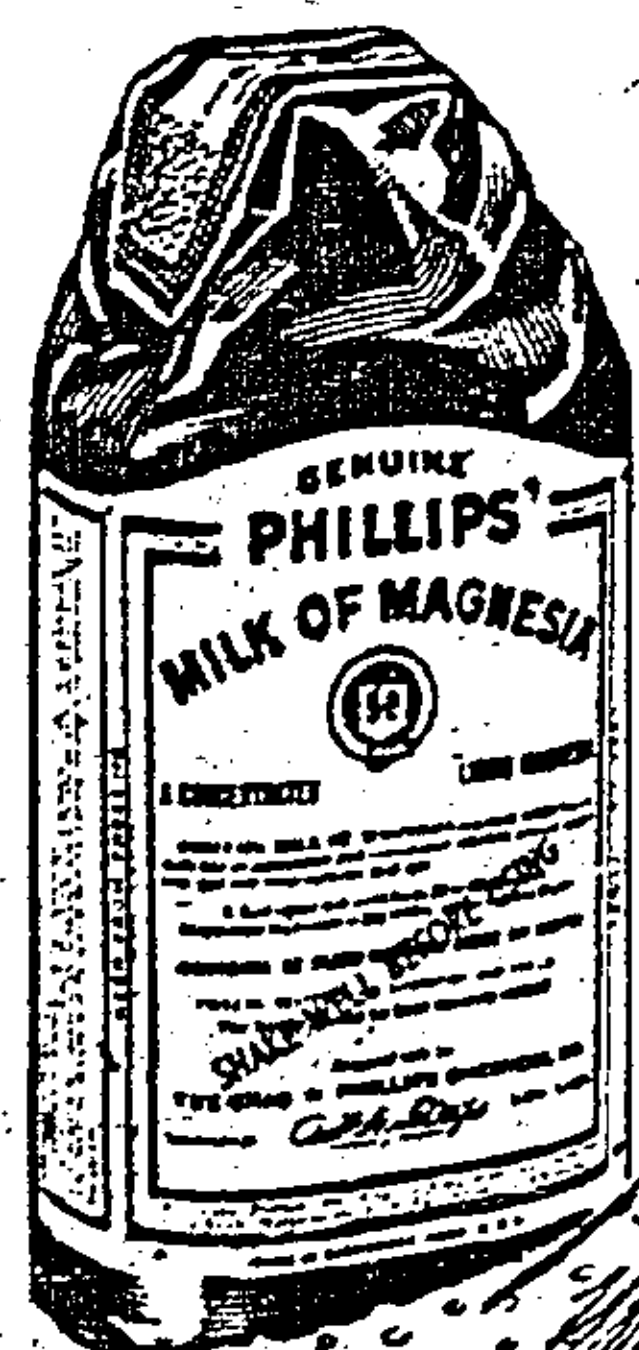
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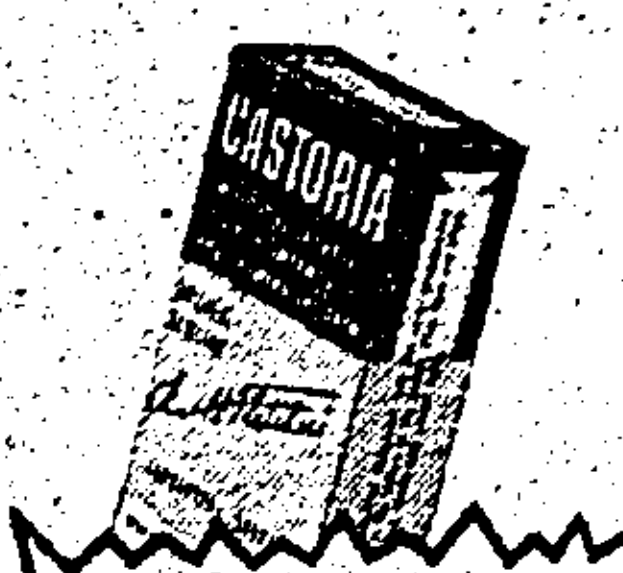
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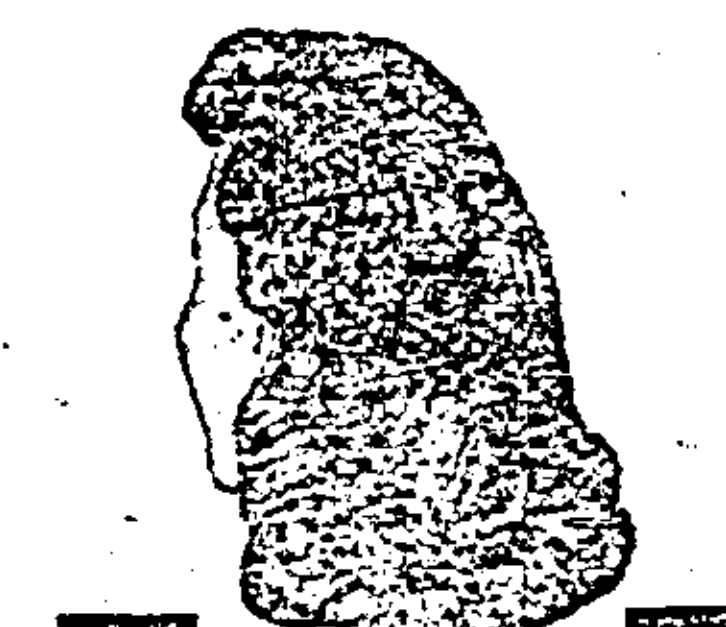


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Pathways New For A Dead-End Kid

By KAY MURRAY

Jimmy doesn't look like a "dead-end kid". He doesn't look tough, or cynical, or any of the things one associates with a juvenile delinquent. But that's what he was, up to three years ago. Jimmy never knew his father. His mother came of a family that, through drinking and wildness, became a county problem. His mother either couldn't or wouldn't look after him. At the age of six she put him in an institution, where he saw her at very infrequent intervals. It isn't surprising that Jimmy didn't settle down. The institution couldn't cope with him and he was moved to another.

By the time he was 13 he had been in 11 institutions. Then his mother, who was a waitress, married and decided, though not for any love of the boy, that it would look better to have him at home. But Jimmy's new father didn't like ready-made families, so the boy was sent to yet another institution.

Here the resentment at the raw deal he'd had finally boiled over. When another boy taunted him over some trivial thing Jimmy saw red and hit him with a stick. The child was very seriously injured, and Jimmy went to his 13 institution.

Lucky Number

Thirteen must be his lucky number, for he came to the Children's Village, at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

The Village has been acknowledged by United Nations as the pattern after which all such establishments ought to be modelled.

Here, in an estate of 250 acres where the main farm is on the Hudson River, 400 boys between the ages of 10 and 18 are being helped to make a social adjustment to the business of living in a community.

They have their own government, consisting of a board of trustees, one from each of the 20 cottages which house the boys, and a Mayor, Judge, Clerk and Treasurer whom they elect by secret ballot.

Any boy who has been resident for 30 days becomes a citizen and eligible to vote. There are four grades of citizenship, culminating in Graduate Citizenship, which carries a diploma and many coveted privileges. A higher grading stems, not from scholastic attainment, but from outstanding qualities of obedience, honesty, cleanliness and co-operation.

There is, of course, a certain amount of adult administration, brilliantly directed by Mr. Harold Strong, who has had conspicuous success in experienced dealing with maladjusted boys.

But the whole aim is to throw the responsibility on to the boys for conducting their own community in a manner identical with what they will find in an adult world.

A quite unique attitude to schooling and vocational training is in operation. The boys are paid at the rate of 15 to 20 cents an hour for attendance at school and the trade shops.

However, lest this appear to be so much jam, it should hardly be added that at the end of the week each boy is presented with a bill for his board, which will leave him with approximately 50 cents to spend.

Apprenticeship System

It is really an extension of the apprenticeship system with the school or trade shop as employer and the boy as employee.

One must not get the impression that the boys fiddle about with a fret saw during their three-hour periods in the trade shops. The fully equipped shops for car mechanics, carpentry, printing, plumbing, painting and shoe repairing do a very complete job of servicing the needs of the whole community, even to making some of its furniture.

The printing shop, in addition to ordinary printing chores, also turns out the Village's own magazine.

There is a great deal more to Children's Village, however, than pitchforking underprivileged boys into a stream of vocational activities and hoping for the best.

Every boy who is accepted as an entrant is carefully charted mentally, morally and physically. His physical health is checked, but, more important, his mental health is closely investigated by resident social workers and psychiatrists. His parents or guardians or the representatives of the institution which referred him are consulted and encouraged to talk about him. When the time is a pretty clear idea of his background, they plot his activities. He is assigned to a cottage, each of which houses 20 boys. His new home is carefully picked. A boy with noted thieving propensities is not, for instance, put in a cottage with others who have the same trend. If he is a younger boy, he will spend most of his time in school learning the basic subjects. The older boys spend about half of their time in school and the other half in the trade shops, while all of them put in a fair number of hours at sports such as football and baseball.

Cottage Parents

The "cottage parents" are very important people in the scheme of Children's Village. They are married couples who have been picked as much for their record as happily married people as their gifts in running a school house.

Practically all these boys come from homes where, if they had parents at all they were confronted daily with parenthood in its most sordid and terrifying aspects.

They have had home life—they don't want any part of it. That is why Children's Village doesn't try to ram affection down the boys' throats. But by living with the tolerant give and take of a happy married life constantly before them they begin to understand at a guarded distance that marriage can be a satisfying and mutual affair.

What is going on at Children's Village is in fact a quite frighteningly adult and successful experiment.

These boys are being taught truths that many people twice their age will never know or need to know. They are taught with infinite wisdom and patience that to be loved is no one's right.

Many whose parents come every Sunday in visiting hours find themselves the bone of contention between two people who cannot resist pouring out their own bitterness and hurt to the child who had already been damaged almost beyond repair by their selfishness.

But all the criticism of Mrs. Mesta has missed one point—that, while she has been attacked abroad, the people of Luxembourg are pleased as punch to have her here. In four days of talking to citizens of this Grand Duchy, high and low, I have not met one who is not happy about her presence.

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Off The Track

Arriving in Paris, she was quoted as suggesting that the Cold War might be solved by one of her famous "dinner parties" (though she told me she had been misinterpreted). The "motorcade" bringing her from Paris lost its way, and arrived at the Belgian border.

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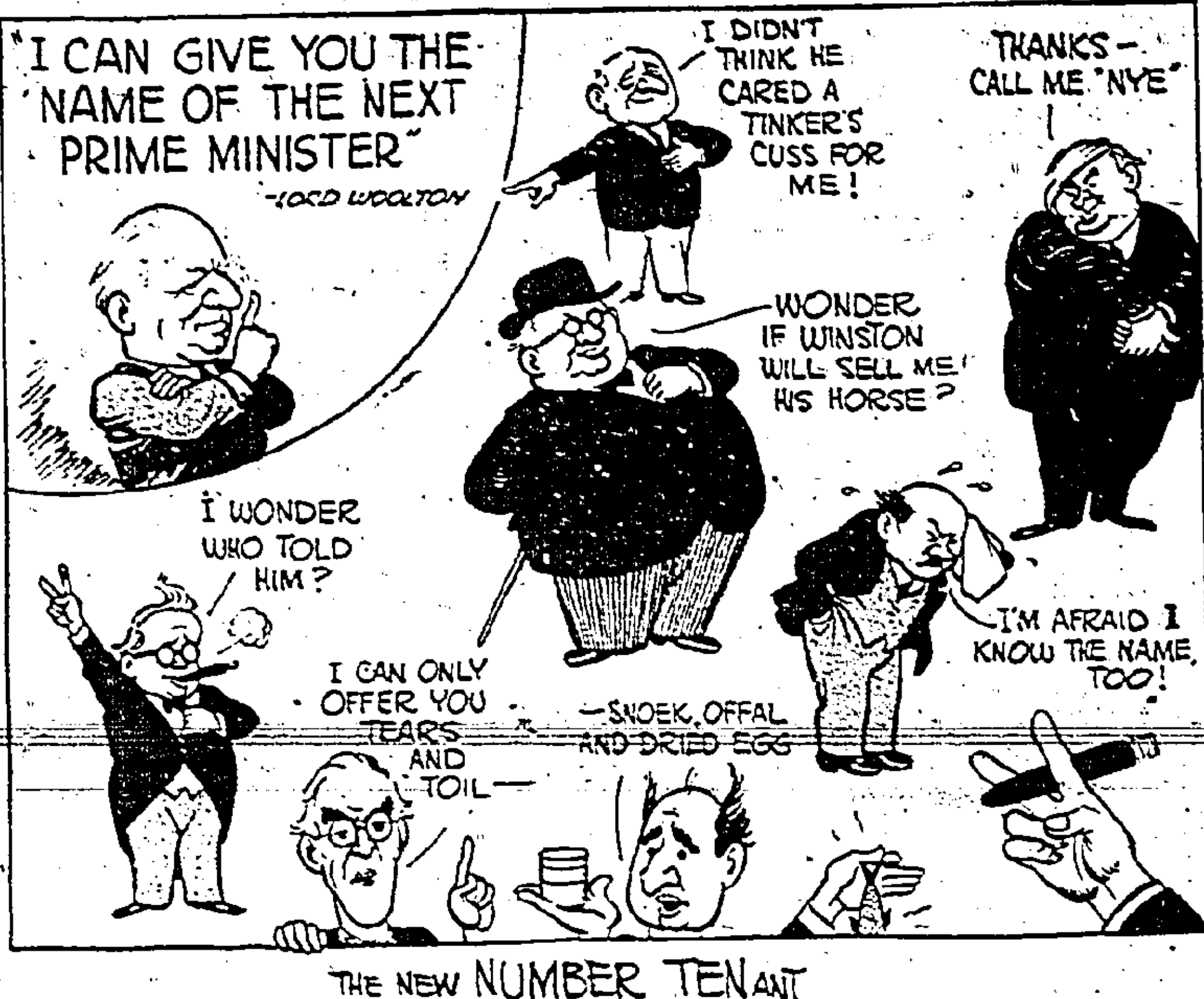
Normal School

It gives the appearance of a perfectly normal, well-run school in particularly beautiful surroundings, where the boys are perhaps just a shade quieter than the are in an ordinary school.

Oh, yes, Jimmy is now president of his cottage, a Graduate Citizen, a member of the football team, and a captain in the Officers' Training Corps, which drills in the Village every week.

As one of the six leading Citizens will go to Governor's Island on Thanksgiving Day to have dinner at a branch of U.S. Military Headquarters.

And next summer he's going to join the Army—if they'll have him. I think they will.



THE NEW NUMBER TENANT

Ambadress Extraordinary

Mrs. Perle Mesta, hostess extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, is in a fair way to blunder a path into the hearts of the 300,000 people of this microscopic Grand Duchy of Luxembourg—if she can stick it for a while.

This compact, bossy little woman, who came here full of zeal and supremely unaware of her shortcomings, has managed in six weeks to put her wrong foot forward with impressive regularity.

Party Line

Impulsive, dictatorial, generous, fussy, and friendly, Mrs. Mesta came here to represent the women of America in the Diplomatic Corps, approached her job like the task of arranging a rather large teaparty complicated by the presence of some quaint foreigners.

She has already begun to sense that there is more to it than that. She has lost 12lb. in weight, has been lampooned and attacked by the American Press, whose representatives flocked here to enjoy this field-day. Typically of her she does not understand these attacks, saying that one correspondent "seemed so nice and had such a cute wife."

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She reached Luxembourg three days after the Grand Duchess Charlotte had gone to Scotland for her annual hunting trip, leaving the Minister to lead a semi-underground, unaccredited existence until the Grand Duchess, prematurely and mercifully, returned to accept her credentials on September 21.

In presenting her letter of credence, she could not find it at first and had to fish in her handbag.

She donned a helmet and overalls to descend into an iron mine, which she later cheerfully described once as a "steel mine."

By DANIEL SCHORR

and again as a "coal mine." Other of her already famous gaffes are loyally shrouded in secrecy by the Legation staff, who find that she accept little guidance, and have resigned themselves to "picking up the pieces."

On the day I first met Mrs. Mesta, dressed in royal blue and angling her gold beads, she seemed worn and tired, and explained that on a trip to Germany for tea with some friends her car had lost the road, and she had to spend the night in Germany.

Serious interview with her is a study in embarrassment and frustration. Questions about international affairs are met with a vague, hurt look as though one had dropped ashes on the best rug.

She showed no sign of intimacy with the facts about the Marshall Plan, Benelux, or Western Union. She was unhappy about the Cold War, but thought that "one must wait to see how it develops from day to day."

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"I don't know if I am supposed to tell you what was in it," she added.

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FASHION IN DETAIL

By JANET MARTIN

Once again we have a season when the touch of detail makes the mode. There is no drastic alteration of line, but the silhouette is sketched clearly with one notable break for special detail.

This week I have chosen some of the more important fashion details which will give the smart touch to your Winter wardrobe.

Some of them can be superimposed on last year's basic dress with great success. Many can be used as accessory touches for new dresses and old. Some are very special to this season and no other—but all are fashion-right for the Winter.

First, some very simple darts, stitched the new way, from outside. Use this idea for a cloth dress, to slenderize the waist. The darts in bodice and skirt top are stitched boldly from the outside and pressed flat, wanting in to the waist seam, saddle stitched, perhaps, for extra emphasis.

Then, the newest pocket, just one—an enormous affair, taking up the whole of the side-front panel from waist to mid-thigh. This can be a huge patch pocket or part of the panel itself, outlined in double seaming or saddle stitching. American fashion houses are using a lot of saddle stitching on their light woollens.

"Profile" Neckline

The "profile" neckline is a feature of many smart coat frocks and suits. Rounded or pointed revers, cut wide and collarless at the back, curve out from beneath the chin instead of being pressed flat in the usual manner.

Another favourite collar style rolls softly back from the neck with long-pointed corners. We often find a gay little scarf or a wedge-ended tie tucked underneath and tied at the front.

The pocket panel will appeal to those who like a slightly "peg" line to the skirt. This is a draped panel which forms a jutting "funnel" pocket over one hip, then wraps over behind. Funnel pockets, without the panel, are most effective on more tailored models.

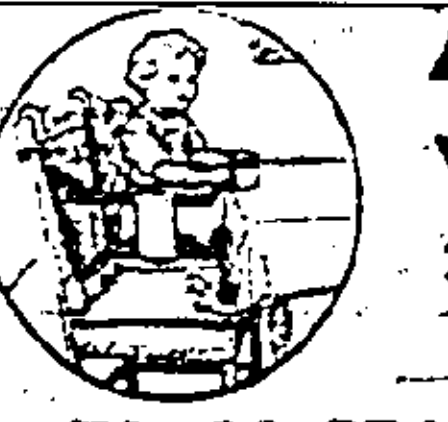
One such model, in small-checked tweed has the front of the skirt buttoned onto the bodice a couple of inches below the waist, and leaving a jutting pocket at either side.

Detail has a definitely one-sided trend—usually to the left and emphasising the hipline. Look for the stiffened cascade or drape at the left hip of afternoon models, the one-shoulder-strap style for evening, one-sided collar effects.

Belts In The News

Belts come into the news, especially for jackets. The short, boxy jacket is a perennial favourite but this Winter's version has a wide belt passed inside at

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SEWING BASKET SUPPLIES

By Doris Denison

Sewing jobs multiply to autumn when school has opened and decorating projects are under way. If you are getting sewing equipment together for the first time, you will need the following basic items:

Needles: Buy several kinds of needles in an assortment of sizes. Fine needles have large numbers and coarse needles have small numbers. Sizes ranging between 3 and 9 will take care of all general sewing jobs.

Embroidery needles and darning needles have long eyes to allow room for several strands of thread.

A bodkin needle is extremely handy to have for drawing ribbon or elastic through a casing.

Thread: You will want to have cotton, mercerised, and silk thread on hand in black, white and in the colours you use frequently. Numbers 50, 60, and 70 are used for general work, 80 and 100 for fine work. The weight of silk thread is indicated by letters. A is average weight, B is heavier and is used for such purposes as making buttonholes. C and D are very heavy.

Pin: Select sharp brass dressmaker's pins of good quality and a pin cushion to hold them.

Handy To Use

Scissors: It is well to have a pair of scissors and also a pair of shears. Scissors are smaller than shears and both ring handles are the same size. They are handy to use for clipping threads and for fine work. Shears have longer blades and the handles are bent over to one side to make cutting easier and more accurate. Use your shears only for cutting fabric. Do not dull the blades on other materials.

Pinking shears are a great convenience if you do much dressmaking. With them you can cut seams of firmly woven material so that the edges will not ravel. Thimble: Get a thimble which fits your middle finger comfortably. Sizes 7, 8, and 9 are average.

For Measuring: Pick out a good tape which will not stretch and which is metal-tipped to prevent fraying.

You will also need a 6- or 12-inch ruler for small work and a yardstick for measuring hems and

Taking Care Of Summer Hair

By SALLY YOUNG

If yours is sunburned, over-exposed hair, start some intensive remedial treatments.

Nothing so surely turns a permanent wave into a frizzy failure as continued neglect of "summer hair".

Try to restore its resilience by scheduling shampoo at longer intervals than ordinarily.

Between shampoos, use a special preparation to cleanse scalp pores of dust, oily deposits and flaked-off scalp tissue. So oil glands won't be blocked.

Falling hair or thinning hair should get a nightly application of scalp pomade, massaged gently

into the scalp at the hairline, temples and crown.

On alternate days, depending on your particular problem, apply a preparation for dry or a preparation for oily hair, parting hair strands so the entire scalp may be reached with a bit of cotton, moistened in the corrective lotion. Rub the hair-dry, lightly, with a soft, lintless towel; then finish your hair care routine by brushing.

Just before your permanent (home or salon) give your hair the benefit of a rich, protective cream hair pack or a special-purpose permanent wave shampoo that lends hair a safety margin against drying effects.

If your hair remains dry or seems drier still after the permanent, be sure to take every precaution against emphasizing the scalp's lack of natural oils.

Set waves and curls with a solid, brilliant-type cream, which should also be used daily as a hair dressing or make-up for dry, brittle, split hair-ends.

For Mending: Always keep on hand darning thread to match stockings and socks, snaps, hooks and eyes, buttons, snap fasteners, elastic and bias tape to use for repairing jobs.

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Method In Make-Up:

FOUNDATION FOR BEAUTY

By CLAUDIA

Some beauty experts claim that the foundation is the most important part of make-up. It certainly is an essential part, without which an effective and lasting make-up is quite impossible.

What is make-up foundation and why is it essential? Quite simply, it is a fine film applied to the skin surface to hold face powder and cosmetics. It must be so constituted that it does not melt into the pores and it is essential because it protects the pores from becoming clogged and coarsened by grains of powder.

This simple definition, however, is insufficient for many of the latest types of foundation... it applied chiefly to the ordinary "vanishing cream".

Some liquid and all solid (or cake) types of foundation are actually a complete make-up in themselves. They combine the ingredients of cream and powder so that extra powder is not really necessary though it may be used from choice.

The advantages of liquid or solid foundations are many. First, they are more lasting than cream; second, by they give a far smoother finish than cream and powder applied separately; thirdly, they can be applied as lightly as you wish or heavily enough to conceal minor skin blemishes without caking; and lastly, they are always made in a variety of flesh tints which enhance the natural skin colour.

Still Favourite

Cream foundations are still favourite with women who prefer only the lightest touch of make-up. They are the best foundations for the very young skin which should never conceal its youthful freshness beneath a heavy make-up. The best results are obtained if only the least amount of it is used... just enough to apply the finest film over the skin. These foundations will not hold a heavy layer of powder without unpleasant clogging. The powder should be pressed onto the skin with a soft puff or pad of cotton wool and the surplus brushed off.

Tinted foundations must be matched to the skin for shade but the tone may vary. The shade must never be lighter than the natural skin colour or the effect will be most unnatural and unbecoming. A slightly darker shade is the best choice.

The tone, which varies according to the type of skin, adds the glow and beauty. Take, for instance, the light high-coloured skin. The foundation shade must be light, but the tone will be cream or light beige rather than rosy or pinky, in order to tone down the high colour.

On the other hand, a sallow skin will need a deeper shade; but the tone will be warmer, a peach or amber that which will add a richer glow.

Liquid and solid foundation need a little practice in correct application before they are 100 per cent successful. Each user must teach herself just how much to use and how to use it, both for the best results and for her own satisfaction.

With liquids, the best way is to apply with the fingertips straight from the bottle. Tap onto forehead, cheeks, nose and chin, then blend in, quickly and lightly, before the liquid has time to dry. When dry, smooth over with a clean tissue and dust with a little powder.

With the solid types, most are applied on a damp sponge, and the thing to learn is just how damp to have the sponge. Many users make the mistake of using a sponge which is much too wet, but a little practice will soon find the happy medium.

This type of make-up can be applied as lightly or as heavily as you desire—and most of us these days prefer the former. When dry, smooth over with a tissue and use a little powder if desired. For a really long-lasting make-up, it is a good idea to apply a little powder later.

With all make-up foundations success depends on the method of application—and the result which can be achieved are well worth the experiment.

Ann Temple PINK POLITICS

My son is taking a degree in Social Science. His politics have been extremely pink. When I see him poring over these Marxist theories I lose all patience.

I'm wise enough to keep quiet, but I sense our relationship isn't as happy as it used to be. It seems we now discuss only creature comforts—food, digs, laundry, etc.

How can I shut off my loathing for his politics, leaving my love for him and his career free and happy?—MOTHER.

Not by shutting off discussion. In your silent disapproval resentments will breed and flourish.

We must realise that our children are living in a changing world. If we set prejudice and ignorance against the knowledge they are acquiring we alienate them, set a gulf between them and us.

First analyse your loathing. Be absolutely clear in your own mind as to what exactly you think wrong, what exactly you think right. And have your reasons clear too.

You will doubtless test your answers against the eternal verities, the values that are permanent irrespective of the character of society, against spiritual truths, against principles. You will be on sure ground.

Then you are well armed for discussion. You won't catch him out on statistics and economic facts, but you are not the woman I think you are if you can't bowl him over now and again with a well-timed blow from sheer horse sense and the truth as you know it.

By that approach you free yourself from the blind prejudice that kills discussion. You leave room for your wisdom and your sense of humour—the best of all brakes for him.

You have watched him through all his stages from babyhood. See him now as struggling through yet another. Be with him in his searching, not against him. Any your mental sympathy and the steadfastness and loyalty of your love, and the relationship remains free and happy as before.

We are both in love, but I am much more in love with him than he is with me. We have talked this over, and he says he is as much in love as he ever will be.

Could marriage be happy on such an uneven basis?—PENTA.

Provided you take him at his word. But do you? Would you be for ever looking for something deeper to awaken in him?

You might suffer cruelly if you did. Always hoping for something that is just not there.

On the other hand, you might be able to accept the difference realistically. There's always discipline in marriage. For you that extra discipline of never showing more of your love than he needs, vigilant against possessiveness. Then the marriage could be happy.

How does one use other people instead of being kicked round by them?

If one is too friendly one gives oneself away and is found to be unimportant, someone who can safely be pushed aside.—BETTY.

That's a jaundiced notion of personal relationships. Come up, on to healthier ground and ask yourself what's wrong with you.

My guess is that you have been relying too much on others, too little on yourself. That would explain why your friendliness is no a magnet as true friendliness always is. People quickly sense the need in you and sheer off.

Self-reliance and a sturdy independence are attractive qualities. Cultivate them and you become unkickable.

Hats Will Help The Dollar Drive



Shown at a London hat display recently were these hats designed by British millinery expert Lady Newborough. They are primarily aimed at the dollar sales area. Top (left to right): "Sweetie"—A jersey and fringe model; and "UNO"—a feather trimmed maroon and orange felt beret. Bottom: "Jackie"—a red felt model with exotic feather trim; and "Folies Bergeres"—A frolicsome black and white asprey idea.—(AP Photo.)

Tips On Tinting

By SALLY YOUNG

Nowadays, many women consider a hair tint as much a cosmetic as powder. They see no reason for having drab hair any more than they want drab face.

If you're thinking of changing the colour of your hair, it is usually best to go to a beauty salon—at least for the initial tint. A beauty operator should give you a patch test for allergies, and she should help you choose a shade most becoming to you.

If it is gray hair you want to cover, make sure to pick the right colour. Many women think they should match their original hair colour. That's not always wise.

If you're 10-20 per cent gray you should choose a colour three shades lighter than your own hair. This will blend in the gray hair, but won't add too much colour to your own hair shade.

Adding more colour to the part that's gray would make your hair too dark.

If your hair is 20-50 per cent gray choose a colour two shades lighter—because you have more gray hair to colour—less that will turn darker.

For hair over 50 per cent gray—choose a colour to match your own hair. Apply tint to grayest portion first.

If you want to do your own touch-ups where your hair has grown out, note these points.

1. Tints work faster in a warm room than in a cold one.

2. Your touch-up should not take longer than 12 minutes to apply. Use tooth brush for application or a cotton swabstick.

3. Count your application time in with the over-all time. If you're going to leave your tint on 20 minutes, remember 12 minutes have been used up.

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What are the faults that girls dislike most in an escort?—TEP. Awkwardness, Tactlessness, Slovenliness, Mannerisms, Guffaws, Mind-wandering, Jealousy, Selfishness, and IGNORANCE OF MANNERS.



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FIVE NATIONS MAY MERGE INTO ONE ECONOMIC BLOC

EFFECT OF AMERICAN STRIKES

Washington, October 28.

The Federal Reserve Board

predicted today the impact

of the steel and coal strikes

will push down industrial

production this month to the

lowest point in three and one-

half years.

The strikes already have

nipped in the bud, a production

up-turn that started in August

and continued in September, the

Board said.

An eleven and a half per cent

drop in production was forecast

for October in comparison with

September, when a rise of about

one per cent had lifted output to

72 per cent above the pre-war

level.

Only on Thursday, President

Truman said the steel coal strikes

have not reached the point of

being an emergency.

His decision not to intervene

now in the disputes was expected

to bring redoubled efforts to

bring about a voluntary settle-

ment.—Associated Press.

PHILIPPINE AIR MISSION

Manila, October 28.

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Madamba, returned to Manila

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Paris, October 28.
The French Finance Minister, Mr. Maurice Pétie, today presented a memorandum believed to advocate the eventual merger of France, Italy and the three Benelux countries into one monetary bloc with complete freedom of trade among the members.

Circles close to the delegations said that the French plan included intermediate steps to be taken to achieve this final goal.

The "Economic Cabinet" of the Organisation for European Co-Operation, consisting of the Foreign Finance and Economics Ministers of eight nations, met today to consider questions which will arise at the conference of the Foreign Ministers' Committee of the OEEC on October 31.

Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, and his deputy, Mr. Milton Katz, also attended today's meeting.

The French plan put forward today calls for speedier liberalisation of European trade and the creation of a "regional group of free trade and monetary convertibility."

The Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr. Paul Van Zeeland, who presided over today's meeting of the OEEC Consultative Committee, told reporters afterwards, "We have taken a step forward."

Others at today's session were the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange, the Portuguese Economic Affairs Minister, Dr. Antonio de Castro Fernandes, the Italian Minister Without Portfolio, Mr. Roberto Tremelloni, and the Greek Minister for Economic Co-Operation, Mr. Stefanos Stefanopoulos.

Mr. Harriman said after the meeting, "I am very satisfied with the way the talks are going."

The eight Cabinet Ministers will tomorrow discuss a draft worked out by their deputies to night and Mr. Pétie may then spring a surprise proposal in a speech, described as of "paramount importance" at tomorrow's session.—Reuter.

U.S. Satisfied

Washington, October 28.

Little more than \$50 worth of gold has been found in the latest Alaska "gold rush." It was stated here today. An official of the Interior Department cabled from Alaska that the only people now making money from the gold strike were "rush pilots."

Some nuggets had been found, the telegram added, but the total value of the gold was not likely to exceed \$50.

About 300 people flocked to the area where the strike was reported, but only about 50 were staying on.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIPS FOR EGYPT

Cairo, October 28.

The British corvette Mallow, which has been handed over to the Egyptian Navy and renamed El Sudan, is expected in Alexandria early in November, the British Embassy announced today.

Egyptian Navy officers and men are en route to Britain to commission the British frigate Whimble which is also being commissioned to the Egyptian Navy, the announcement added.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, October 28.

The stock market ended the trading week on a quiet note with only small price changes. Government bonds steadied at the close to show drops of 1/4 to 1/2 of a point.

Industrials and oils were steady. Motors were up slightly. The Financial Times daily index was 101.0, off 1.1.—Associated Press.

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Army Beat Chinese AA To Score Third Win In A Row

Army scored their third win in a row yesterday when they beat Chinese AA in a fast and exciting First Division League soccer match at Soekunpoo by four goals to two.

Royal Navy sprang a surprise on the Commandos, whom they beat by four goals to two in a keenly contested game at Causeway Bay, after being two goals in arrears at one stage of the game.

Club, who visited Caroline Hill for their game against Eastern, were somewhat unfortunate to come away with only one point, as they were definitely the more aggressive team and should, on the run of play, have won.

As expected, Police easily accounted for Kwong Wah, whom they beat by four clear goals at Boundary Street.

FIRST DIVISION Army 4-CAA 2

In a fast and exciting First Division soccer game at Soekunpoo yesterday, Army defeated Chinese AA by four goals to two.

Army played well to a man and deservedly secured their victory. They scored up a brand of football superior to their opponents, especially in the forward line where they displayed perfect coordination and understanding.

Brown, at centre-forward, was always a menace to the Chinese defence when in possession and Higgins, on his left, gave him valuable support besides scoring two goals for his side.

The Army defence proved too strong for the Chinese forwards to overcome. Always on the alert, they broke up many well planned attacks with their robust tackling. Noteworthy of mention was Russell at right half, who besides being a clever dribbler, was useless in his efforts.

The Chinese defence bore the brunt of the game and Ko Lai-ming, at right back, contributed most towards keeping the score down. Were it not for the good goalkeeping of Yu Kai-yan, the Chinese custodian, the Army might have won by a larger margin.

For the first 15 minutes of the game, play was even and both goalkeepers were tested with easy shots.

Not long afterwards, Army opened the score through Dean, who beat Yu with a fast ground-roller from a pass by Brown.

Continuing, Brown missed but Army further ahead when he shot from more than 30 yards, but Yu saved the situation by diving full length. This same player came into the limelight again when he slipped through the Chinese defence after a bout of clever dribbling, but his parting shot was blocked by a defender.

Equaliser A Surprise

The equaliser came as a surprise to the Army team. Horton, the custodian, in advancing to meet an easy shot, slipped and pushed the ball to the boot of Fong Kwok-yuen, who did not let the opportunity slip by but netted with a shot over the head of the goal.

Almost immediately, Brown put the Army in the lead again when

he headed the ball into the net from a corner kick.

The Army then held the upper hand and apart from a few weak thrusts which the Army defence managed to repulse with ease, had the Chinese defence on their toes.

Just before the interval, Higgins netted to give the Army a 3-1 lead.

From the re-start the Chinese swarmed down the field in rapid succession and in one of these attacks, were awarded a penalty for hands. Chan Kar-pui, taking the spot, kick made no mistake to reduce the Army lead.

At this stage, Fong Kwok-yuen was injured in a collision and had to retire for the remainder of the game.

Badly Fouled

The Army broke into the attack again and after a break-away, Higgins was badly fouled inside the area. Taking the spot, Brown had the misfortune to shoot into the hands of Yu.

Playing 10 men, the Chinese tried to force the pace and on a pass, Leung Ping-kun, sped down the left and cleverly dribbled his way through, but was unfortunate to miss from close range.

After a bout of midfield exchanges, Russell was pulled up for handling and a penalty awarded the Chinese, but Chan Kar-pui disappointed his team when his shot hit the upright.

Play then reached fever pitch as the Chinese attacked time and again, but the Army put the issue beyond doubt when Higgins netted the final goal five minutes from the end.

The Army: Horton, Watson, Smith, Russell, Critchfield, Hutton, Delvin, Berry, Brown, Higgins, and Dean.

CAA: Yu Kai-yan; Ko Lai-ming, Chan Kar-pui, Tam Chun-sing, Leung Ping-kun, Wo Chui-cheung, Fong Kwok-yuen and Leung Ping-kun.

Royal Navy 4- Commandos 2

After being two goals down Royal Navy came back strongly to beat Commandos by four goals to two in a First Division match at Causeway Bay.

The game was fast and interesting some clever football was seen.

Highton, the Commando centre-forward, except for a few break-aways was too well policed by Thompson, the Navy's centre-half.

Tozer and Edge gave a brilliant exhibition in the full back berth Thompson proved himself to be a good blocker.

Of the forwards, Spears at inside-left delighted with some pretty footwork and besides netting a goal, was instrumental in Watkins netting two others.

Commandos were the first to attack and Pratt in the Navy goal

had several anxious moments before he was eventually beaten by a well placed cross shot from Thompson.

Spears set the forwards moving and came near scoring when his parting shot just missed the target.

At this period, Tozer left the field after being accidentally kicked by an opponent. He returned after 10 minutes to give a grand exhibition.

Highton managed to elude Thompson to beat Pratt with a grand shot on the run to give the Commandos a lead of two clear goals.

Navy reduced the lead through Watkins when he received a through pass from Spears to beat the goal with a well directed shot all the way.

Immediately after this, Highton went through but his parting shot, which had the goalie beaten, hit the crossbar.

Just before the break Navy were awarded a corner and from the resultant kick, Spears equalised with a brilliant header.

The second half saw Navy enjoying more of the play and repeatedly attacking the Commando defence, but to no avail.

Highton tried hard to break through but Thompson was covering him well and when he did manage to elude Thompson, Tozer or Edge would bundle him off the ball.

Navy took the lead when Spears sent Watkins away with a beautiful pass which resulted in the latter beating the goalie with a cross drive.

Just before the end Ferguson put the issue beyond doubt when he headed the last goal following a corner kick.

Navy: Pratt, Edge and Tozer, Rawlings, Thompson and Campbell, Mooney, Ferguson, Watkins, Spears and Ellam.

Commandos: Looker, Wheatley and Lewens, Lovell, Hunt and Sargurs, Davis, Stewart, Highton, Mays and Shepherd.

Eastern 1-Club 1

The First Division soccer match at Caroline Hill between Eastern and Club ended in a draw, each side scoring once.

Eastern were definitely lucky to leave the field with one point, as on the run of the play, Club definitely deserved to win.

Although they were handicapped in consequence of an injury to Barclay, early in the game, Club did excellently well.

Mullen was also seen limping about shortly after the start, but he played a very good game nevertheless, his only lapse being his failure to convert a penalty awarded to his side about five minutes from the end of the game.

The Club defenders played a fine swirling game and rarely came out second best in their duels with the opposing forwards.

In spite of the fact that they were their best team for this match, Eastern failed to impress. Both their defence and attack was ragged.

Eastern attacked from the start, but their forwards found themselves up against stout defence which refused to give ground.

After play had been in progress for about eight minutes, a break through by the Club forwards ended with the ball being sent across the Eastern goalmouth from the left.

Barclay Scores

Barclay, rushing in from the right, headed the ball into the net with the goalkeeper out of position, but in doing so, he was knocked against the upright by an Eastern defender and injured.

He was forced to retire from the game for about 10 minutes, but when he resumed his position on the right wing, he was more or less a passenger, although he gamely tried to do his bit.

End to end play followed and shortly before the interval, Eastern obtained the equaliser through Law Tak-hing.

There was no further scoring in the first half, which ended with the teams sharing two goals.

About five minutes from the end, Club were awarded a penalty, but Mullen who was entrusted with the spot kick shot straight at the goalkeeper, who was able to clear the ball.

Almost in the next minute, Mullen had hard luck with a rasping shot following a free kick just outside the penalty area, a glorious save by the Eastern goalkeeper frustrating the effort.

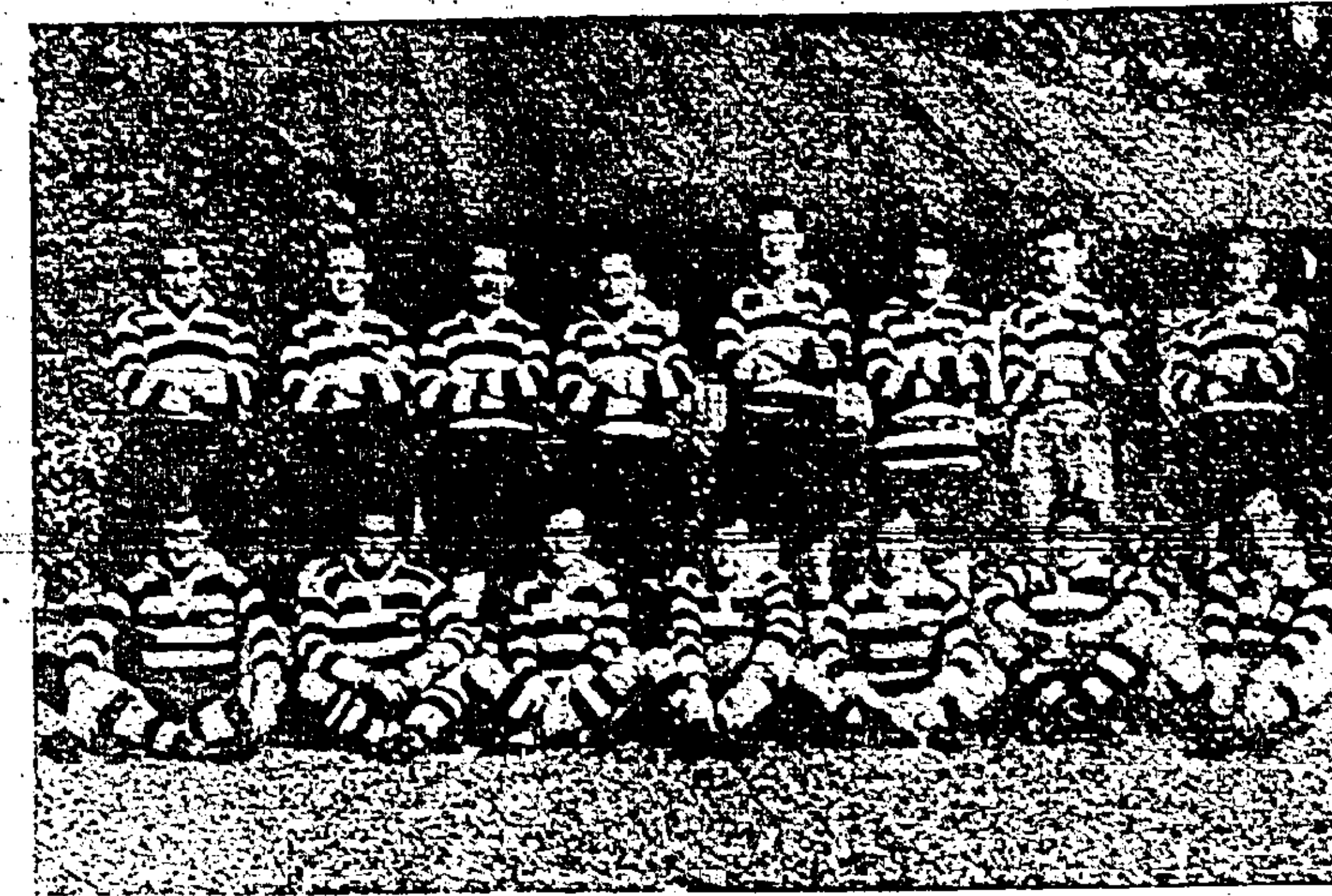
Ball Scrambled Away

In the course of two of these break-aways, the Club goal had narrow escapes, but in each case, the Club defence were able to scramble the ball away.

About five minutes from the end, Club were awarded a penalty, but Mullen who was entrusted with the spot kick shot straight at the goalkeeper, who was able to clear the ball.

SUNDAY HERALD SPORTS SECTION

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Top photo shows the Club Rugby XV which beat the Royal Navy XV (lower photo) in a rugby game played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday by 12 points to nil. "China Mail" Photo.



RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
Army	4	Chinese AA	2
Royal Navy	4	Commandos	2
Eastern	1	Club	1
Police	4	Kwong Wah	0

SECOND DIVISION			
New Vendors	5	PCA	2
Navy	2	Club	5
St. Joseph's	5	Police	1
South China	5	Police	1

The final whistle came without any further scoring.

Eastern: Suen Po-on, Kong Sing-keng, Lam Tak-po, Wong Chi-wan, Lo Hong-sun, Leung Fook-chung, Law Tak-fook, Lau Wing-kwong, Lo Wah-ying, Law Tak-hing, Leung Wing-kwong.

Club: Brown, Roberts, Barker, Gledhill, Riley, Strange, Barclay, Mellen, Hardwick, Barker and Main.

Police 4-Kwong Wah 0

Showing more cohesion in the forward line and more robustness in defence the Police deservedly won their First Division soccer match against Kwong Wah by 4-0 at Boundary Street yesterday.

Kwong Wah took the field with 10 men and were further handicapped as their goalkeeper, Tam Woon-cheuk was playing with an injured knee.

Kicking off against the wind, the Kwong Wah players were soon in difficulties and within five minutes of the opening, a goal might have been scored against them but both Howlett and Redman of the Police missed with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The truant member of the Kwong Wah team, Chong Mun-choi arrived and made up for his tardiness by giving a sterling exhibition at right-back. Throughout the whole match his rousing defence brought forth cheers from the small crowd of spectators.

Redman opened the scoring after 10 minutes from a pass lobbed into the goalmouth. While attempting to head the ball he fell but managed to scoop the ball into the net for the initial goal.

No Combination

The Kwong Wah forwards attempted to equalise but although they were good players individually, they could not or would not combine as a team.

Tam Chan-kim sent in a first-timer from 30 yards out, but the Police custodian intercepted the drive and cleared lustily.

Several minutes later, Howlett received the ball from a throw-in and crashed it into the corner of the net with Tam unsighted.

From the ensuing kick-off, the Police obtained the ball and Ng Yu-wai, on the right wing, shot at the goal. Tam made two attempts to fist the ball out and knocked it to Yuen Yu-lam; Police inside-left, who made no mistake.

Half time arrived with the Police leading 3-0.

Scorpy Play

During the second half, the game became very scrappy and held little interest for the specta-

Club Start Rugger Season With A 'Double'

Brilliant sunshine favoured the opening of the local Rugger season yesterday, when eight teams, the largest number on record in the history of rugger in this Colony, participated in the opening games.

Two games were played on the Mainland and two on the Island. The opening of the season at the Club Ground at Happy Valley was featured by the attendance of the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, which rendered selections before the start of the games and during the interval.

In the opening game on the Hong Kong side, the Police XV met a strong Army XV. As was to be expected, the Army side won, the final score being 18 points to nil (five tries, one penalty goal).

Claude and Cameron each scored two tries, Gower one, while the penalty goal was converted by Wilson.

The Army were, without doubt, the more polished team, but the Police, in spite of the odds with which they were faced, put up a plucky showed.

Club, who met the Senior Service in accordance with tradition, emerged winners by 12 points to nil (three tries, one penalty goal).

De Rome scored two tries and Henderson one. Markham converted the penalty goal.

In the curtain raiser, at Kai Tak, the Club 2nd XV beat 14th FD Regt. RA by 21 points to six. Levitt scored two goals and one try for the Club, while Slater scored one goal and one try.

Gow converted two penalty goals for the 14th FD Regt. RA. The second game at Kai Tak, which was between RAF and Commandos, ended in a win for the Commandos 6-5 after a four struggle.

RAF had a chance to win the game in the last minute of play, but Vandermelen's effort failed by a few feet.

McDermott and Macan converted penalty goals for the Commandos in the first period to give them a 6-0 lead, but the RAF came back strongly in the second period, with Rowstrom converting a penalty goal and Vandermelen kicking the try.

The line-ups were—
Police: Wall, Tebbutt, Slevin, Russell, Reynolds, Shepherd, Smith, Colburn, Turner, Sento, Bass, Olivier, Wright, North, Grace, Marlin.

Army: McCulloch, Cameron, McNabb, Clayden, Gower, Innes, Wilson, Goss, Bucknall, Evans, McAdam, Rapley, Richardson, Mitchell, Young.

Navy: Jones, Birks, Fawcett, Middletrass, Pearce, Lowe, Bence, Wright, Bentley, Payne, Norman, Sivell, Baldwin, Emsley.

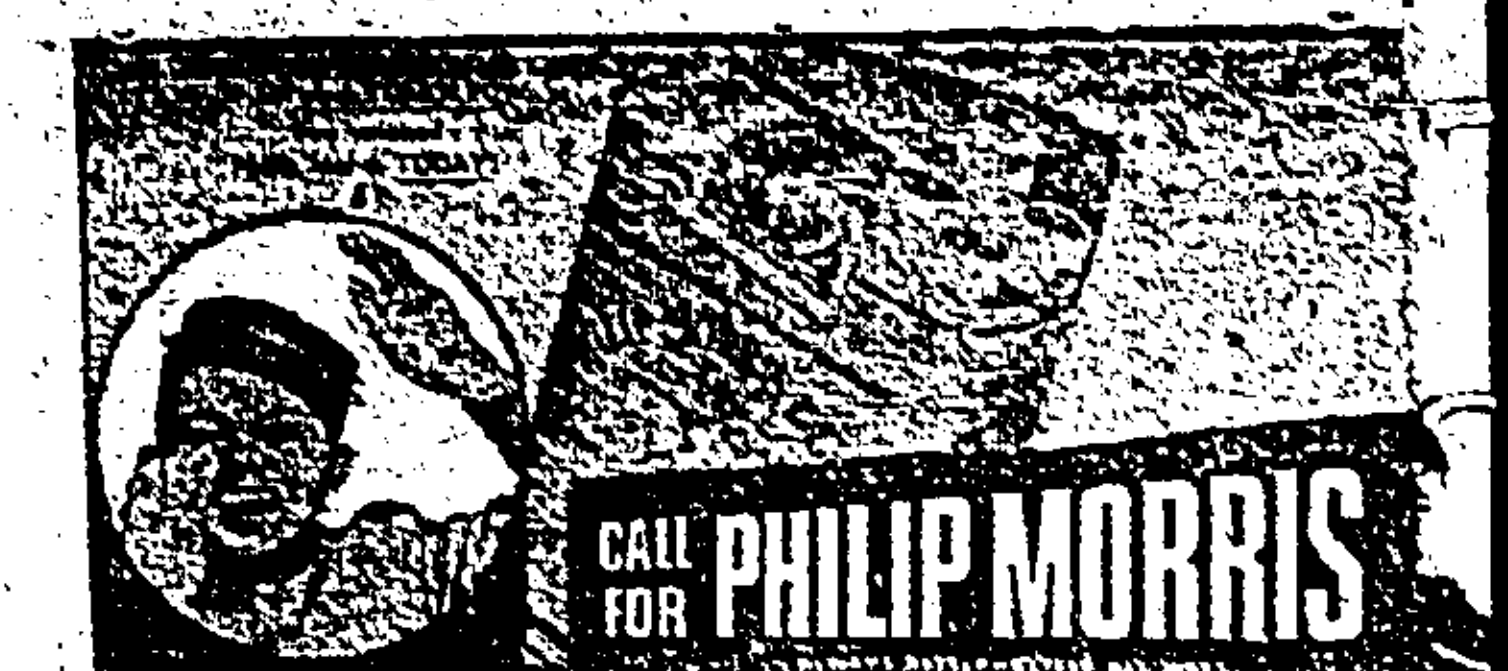
Club: Markham, Nelson, Roberts, D. M. Henderson, de Rome, Nolan, J. B. Henderson, Forsgate, McFann, Carrol, Win-yatt, Brown, Warne, Farquharson, Hutson.

Club N. Slater, M. Lovat, D. Stewart, T. Grey, G. Runcie, O. Turville, J. Mackie, T. Luskomb, A. Hales, J. Rubson, G. Minto, M. Douglas, K. Baker, F. Thorp, F. Williams.

14th FD Regt. RA: D. Thomas, P. A. Cowen, A. Gow, J. Butler, A. Harrison, F. Dunlop, R. Moffat, R. Luckman, A. C. Schuster, S. W. Donaldson, G. H. P. Campbell, W. Taylor, F. Kinloch, A. Greig, P. Evans.

RAF: D. Vandermelen, D. Birrell, A. C. Brown, C. Rows-ton, P. Cody, D. Jardine, T. Wykes, T. Payton, H. Irvine, W. Turner, H. Francis, S. Hall, G. Groat, T. Politz, R. Alexander.

Commandos: L. Harrison, B. Claxton, B. H. Fowke, M. B. McDermott, A. Macan, W. Wharrie, A. J. Harris, J. W. Fotts, A. Higon, T. H. Morris, H. V. Minto, S. R. Kayser, J. W. Cunningham, D. Smith, W. B. Wilder.



Overseas Chinese Score Narrow Win Over Braves

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Overseas Chinese played heads up ball to nose of the Braves 5-4 in the junior league featy game yesterday, while Rexes and Blackha both preserved their unblemished records in runaway victories over the Aces and Spartan.

Pirates succumbed to the Canuckettes 30-1 in a game full of errors.

Overseas displayed championship form when they faced the Braves and belted Terry Lucide five timely hits to hand out to the Braves their first humiliation of the season. However Wong on the rubber for the Chinese out fit yielded four safeties, struckout five and issued two passes to first base.

Winston Lo leading off for Overseas drew a pass on four pitched balls and scored when short-stop Frankie Vas bur-gled Hoon Ho's tricky grounder through the windy alley.

Overseas had the bases loaded with only one away but was unable to score further as Seldom forced Hoon Ho at third and Peter Ho grounded out.

Braves failed to rally in the half with Eddie Loureiro, Eddie Remedios and Frankie Vas going down in succession.

Overseas threatened again in both the second and third frames when they had the sacks shaken loose, but brilliant fielding by the Braves gave them a temporary lease on life.

In the last of the third frame Braves gained the lead when Eddie Remedios singled to centre while Seldom Fred Chan allowed a passed grounder and Remedios scampered all the way around the sacks chasing team-mate Ed Loureiro over before him.

Appeal Dropped

Eddie Remedios failed to touch the midway cushion in his eagerness, but Overseas manager Frank Poon very sportingly dropped the appeal after it was made.

Overseas lost no time in regaining the lead with three runs in the fourth aided by Hoover Wong's single and Hoon Ho's two-base blow with runners on base.

Braves failed to score in the next two semesters but rallied in the sixth inning on Manuel Almeida's single. Abraham reached first on a wild throw to score.

After Abraham had stolen three bases he was waves home on catcher Winston Lo's fumble which was blocked by a spectator for the tieing run, and it was still anyone's ball game.

The final stanza opened up with Peter Ho making first base on an inf V error and advance to third base, then David Fon grounded out. Hal Ott singled for the tie-breaker to cross the plate.

With the bases brimming with runners, Irving on one and Fred Chan failed to hit in the clutch and the Overseas settled down in the last fielding holding on the one run lead.

Remedios pinch-hitting for Terry Lucide, fanned for the first time while Eddie Loureiro poled out on a deep fly which was called in by left-gardener Peter Bo.

Eddie Remedios stepped into the box for a last try but only managed a weak grounder to second base for the game to end.

An Envious Record

"Black" Hawks handed out their second shut-out yesterday in three starts when they blanked the Spartans 15-0.

The Hawks have thus hung up an envious record of playing 21 innings and allowing only one run in three games.

Josie Ribeiro pitched his first full game this year and fanned seven, allowing the opposition three scattered blows, while his team-mates jumped on opposing hurler Blackstone for a total of 15 solid blows.

Manuel Gutierrez was again in the batting line-light when he connected safely four in five times including a rousing three-bagger.

Josie Ribeiro poled out the on-homer of the fracas, while P. Allays contributed three singles in five tries.

The Aces were no match for a determined Braves outfit, who hung up a 21-7 triumph behind Ismail's superb pitching. Aces utilised two hurlers and placed eleven runners on base via balls.

The big gun of the scuffle was A. Ditta who smacked a grand-slam homer to chalk up four runs in the fourth for the Rexes.

At the current pace Ditta seems to be gunning for the Junior home-run title, having three in his credit this season.

One-Sided Tilt

During this one-sided tilt, the Aces were penalised when Al Leonard threw his glove which stopped a batted ball by M. A. Wahab. Wahab made second base easily and Umpire Buster Hollands waved Wahab home for the breach of playing rules.

A disorganised Braves outfit gave the Canuckettes a flying start when they let in seven runs in the first frame on loose play-ing.

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HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, October 29
The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION

Blackpool	2	Bolton	1
Charlton	1	Burnley	1
Everton	1	Derby	1
Fulham	0	Liverpool	1
Huddersfield	1	West Brom	1
Manchester C.	2	Sunderland	1
Middlesbrough	1	Birmingham	1
Newcastle	0	Arsenal	1
Portsmouth	0	Manchester	1
Wolves	2	Chelsea	1

SECOND DIVISION

Coventry	0	Grimsby	1
Bradford	4	Grimsby	1
Brentford	0	Southampton	1
West Ham	1	West Ham	1
Cardiff	0	Luton	1
Charterfield	2	Queen's	1
Hull	1	Leeds	1
Leicester	1	Sheffield	1
Plymouth	1	Preston	1
Wednesday	3	Swansea	1
Spurs	2	Barnsley	1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth	1	Torquay	1
Bristol R.	2	Swindon	1
Exeter	3	Aldershot	1
Exeter	3	Newport	1
Ipswich	0	Bristol	1
Leiston	1	Norwich	1
Notts Co.	1	Walsall	1
Port Vale	3	Brighton	1
Reading	3	Northampton	1
Southend	3	Millwall	1
Watford	1	Notts F.	1

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington	0	Gateshead	1
Barrow	0	Rochdale	1
Carlisle	0	Darlington	1
Creswell A.	2	Bradford C.	1
Lincoln	1	Hull	1
Manchester	1	Hull	1
Oldham	3	Sheepcot	1
Rotherham	3	New Brighton	1
Tranmere	2	Chester	1
Wrexham	0	Doncaster	1
York	0	Southport	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Final

Dunfermline 0 East Fife 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—A

Aberdeen	1	Rangers	1
Celtic	2	Gilbertan	1
Heart of Midlothian	6	Clyde	1
Partick	2	Dundee	1
Queen of South	2	Motherwell	1
Raith	2	Stirling	1
St. Mirren	6	Third Lanark	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—B

Albion	0	Morton	1
Airdrie	1	Dumbarton	1
Airdrie	3	Arbroath	1
Dundee U.	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Forfar	2	St. Johnstone	1
Hamilton	2	Airdrie	1

OTHER MATCH

Falkirk